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MONDAY Morning Eleven o'Clock.

E are just come in here, to the Relations of Mrs. Jewkes. The first Compliment I had, was in a very impudent manner, how I liked the 'Squire——I could not help saying, bold, forward Woman! Is it for you, who keep an Inn, to treat Passengers at this Rate? She was but in jest, she said, and begg'd pardon. And she came, and begg'd Excuse again, very submissively, after Robin and Mr. Colbrand had talk'd to her a little.

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The latter here, in great Form, gave me, before Robin, the Letter, which I had given him back for that purpose. And I retir'd, as if to read it; and so I did; for I think I can't read it too often; tho', for my peace of Mind sake, I might better try to forget it. I am forry methinks, I cannot bring you back a sound Heart; but indeed it is an honest one, as to any body but me; for it has deceived nobody else: Wicked Thing as it is!

More and more surprizing Things still!

Just as I had sat down, to try to eat a Bit of Victuals, to get ready to pursue my Journey, came in Mr. Colbrand, in a mighty Hurry. O Madam, Madam! said he, here be de Groom from de 'Squire B. all over in a Lather, Man and Horse! O how my Heart went pit-a-pat!—What now, thought I, is to come next! He went out, and presently return'd with a Letter for me, and another, inclosed, for Mr. Colbrand. This seem'd odd, and put me all in a Trembling. So I shut the Door; and, never, sure, was the like known! found the following agreeable Contents.

I N vain, my Pamela, do I find it to struggle against my Affection for you. I must needs, ' after you were gone, venture to entertain myself ' with your Journal. When I found Mrs. Jewkes's ' bad Usage of you, after your dreadful Temptations ' and Hurts; and particularly your generous Concern for me, on hearing how narrowly I escaped drowning (tho' my Death would have been your Freedom, and I had made it your Interest to wish 'it;) and your most agreeable Confession in another Place, that notwithstanding all my hard Usage of ' you, you could not hate me : and that expressed in ' fo fweet, fo foft, and fo innocent a manner, that I flatter myself you may be brought to love me, (together with the other Parts of your admirable Journal) I began to repent my parting with you. But, God is my Witness, for no unlawful End,

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as you would call it; but the very contrary. And the rather, as all this was improved in your Favour, by your Behaviour at leaving my House: For, Oh! that melodious Voice praying for me at your Departure, and thanking me for my Rebuke to Mrs. Jewkes, still hangs upon my Ears, and quavers upon my Memory: And tho' I went to Bed, I could not rest; but about two got up, and ' made Thomas get one of the best Horses ready, in order to fet out to overtake you, while I fat down to write this to you.

' Now, my dear Pamela, let me beg of you, or the Receipt of this, to order Robin to drive your back again to my House. I would have set our myself, for the Pleasure of bearing you Company back in the Chariot: but am really indisposed: I believe, with Vexation that I should part thus with my Soul's Delight, as I now find you are, and must be, in spight of the Pride of my own

You cannot imagine the Obligation your Return will lay me under to your Goodness; and yet, if you will not fo far favour me, you shall be under no Refraint, as you will fee by my Letter inclosed to Colbrand; which I have not sealed, that you. may read it. But spare me, my dearest Girl, the ' Confusion of following you to your Fathers; which I must do, if you persist to go on; for I find I. cannot live a Day without you.

If you are the generous Pamela I imagine your to be, (for hitherto you have been all Goodness, where it has not been merited) let me fee, by this new instance, the further Excellency of your Dispos fition; let me see you can forgive the Man who loves you more than himself; let me see by it, that you are not preposses'd in any other Perion's Favour : And one Instance more I would beg, and then I am all Gratitude; and that is, that you would dispatch Monsieur Colbrand with a Letter to your Father, affuring him, that all will end happily; and that he will send to you, at my House, the Letters A 3 you .

you found means, by William's Conveyance, to fend him: And when I have all my proud, and, perhaps,

punctilious Doubts answer'd, I shall have nothing to do, but to make you happy, and be so myself. For

I must be

Monday Morn. near three o'Clock. Yours, and only yours.

O my exulting Heart! how it throbs in my Bofom, as if it would reproach me for fo lately upbraiding it for giving way to the love of fo dear a Gentleman!-But, take care thou art not too credulous neither, O fond Believer! Things that we wish, are apt to gain a too ready Credence with us. This sham Marriage is not yet clear'd up; Mrs. Jewkes, the vile Mrs. Jewkes! may yet instigate the Mind of this Master: His Pride of Heart, and Pride of Condition, may again take place; and a Man that could, in fo little a space, first love me, then hate me, then banish me his House, and send me away difgracefully; and now fend for me again, in such affectionate Terms; may still waver, may fill deceive thee. Therefore will I not acquit thee yet O credulous, fluttering throbbing Mischief! that art so ready to believe what thou wishest: And I charge thee to keep better Guard than thou haft lately done, and lead me not to follow too implicitly thy flattering and defirable Impulses. Thus foolishly dialogu'd I with my Heart; and yet all the Time this Heart is Pamela.

I open'd the Letter to Monsieur Colbrand; which was in these Words:

Monfieur,

I Am sure you'll excuse the Trouble I give you,
I have, for good Reasons, changed my Mind;
and I have besought it as a Favour, that Mrs.
Andrews will return to me the moment Tom
reaches you. I hope, for the Reasons I have given
her, she will have the Goodness to oblige me.

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But if not, you are to order Robin to pursue his Directions, and set her down at her Father's Door.

' If the will oblige me in her Return, perhaps the'll give you a Letter to her Father, for some Papers

to be deliver'd to you for her. Which you'll be fo good, in that Case, to bring to her here. But

if she will not give you such a Letter, you'll return

with her to me, if she pleases to favour me to far; and that with all expedition, that her Health and

' Safety will permit; for I am pretty much indispo-

fed; but I hope it will be but flight, and foon go off. I am

Yours, &c.

On second Thoughts, let Tom go forward with Mrs. Andrews's Letter, if she pleases to give

one, and you return with her, for her Safety.

Mow this is a dear generous manner of treating me. O how I love to be generously used.—Now, my dear Parents, I wish I could consult you for your Opinions, how I should act. Should I go back, or should I not?—I doubt he has got too great Hold of my Heart, for me to be easy presently, if I should refuse: And yet this Gypsey Information makes me fearful.

Well, I will, I think, trust in his Generosity! Yet is it not too great a Trust?—especially considering how I have been used!——But then that was while he vowed his bad Designs; and now he gives great Hope of his good ones. And I may be the means of making many happy, as well as myself, by placing a

And then, I think, he might have fent to Colbrand, and to Robin, to carry me back, whether I would or not. And how different is his Behaviour to that? And would it not look as if I am prepoffes d, as he calls it, if I don't oblige him; and as if it was a filly female piece of Pride to make him follow me to my Father's; and as if I would use him hardly in my Turn, for his having used me ill in his? Upon

the whole, I resolved to obey him; and if he uses me ill afterwards, double will be his ungenerous Guilt!—Tho' hard will be my Lot, to have my Credulity so justly blameable as it will then seem. For to be sure, the World, the wise World, that never is wrong itself, judges always by Events. And if he should use me ill, then I shall be blamed for trusting him: if well, O then I did right, to be sure!—But how would my Censurers act in my Case, before the Event justifies or condemns the Action, is

the Question ?

Then I have no Notion of obliging by Halves; but of doing Things with a Grace, as one may fay, where they are to be done; and so I wrote the desir'd Letter to you, assuring you, that I had before me happier Prospects than ever I yet had; and hoped all would end well. And that I begg'd you would send me, by Mr. Thomas, my Master's Groom, the Bearer of it, those Papers, which I had sent you by Mr. William's Conveyance: For that they imported me much, for clearing up a point in my Conduct, that my Master was desirous to know, before he resolved to savour me, as he had intended.—But you will have that Letter, before you can have this; for I would not send you this without the preceding; which now is in my Master's Hands.

And so, having given the Letter to Mr. Thomas, for him to carry to you, when he had baited and rested, after his great Fatigue, I sent for Monsieur Colbrand and Robin; and gave to the former his Letter; and when he had read it, I said, you see how Things stand. I am resolved to return to our Master; and as he is not so well as were to be wished, the more Haste you make the better: And don't mind my Fatigue; but consider only yourselves, and the Horses. Robin, who guess'd the Matter, by his Conversation with Thomas, (as I suppose) said, God bless you, Madam, and reward you, as your Obligingness to my good Master deserves; and may we all live to

fee you triumph over Mrs. Jewkes.

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I wondered to hear him fay so? for I was always careful of exposing my Master, or even that naughty Woman, before the common Servants. But yet I question whether Robin would have said this, if he had not guessed, by Thomas's Message, and my resolving to return, that I might stand well with his Master. So selfish are the Hearts of poor Mortals, that they are ready to change as Favour goes!

So they were not long getting ready; and I am just fetting out, back again; and I hope in God, shall

have no Reason to repent it.

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Robin put on very vehemently; and when we came to the little Town, where we lay on Sunday Night, he gave his Horses a Bait; and said he would push for his Master's that Night as it would be Moonlight, if I should not be too much fatigu'd; because there was no Place between that and the Town adjacent to his Master's, fit to put up for the Night. But Monsieur Colbrand's Horse beginning to give way, made a Doubt between them: Wherefore I faid (hating to lie on the Road) if it could be done, I should bear it well enough, I hoped; and that Monfieur Coibrand might leave his Horse, when it fail'd, at some House, and come into the Chariot: This pleased them both; and about twelve Miles short, he left the Horse, and took off his Spurs and Holsters, &c. and with abundance of ceremonial Excuses, came into the Chariot; and I fat the easier for it; for my. Bones ached fadly with the Jolting, and fo many Miles travelling in fo few Hours, as I had done, from Sunday Night five o'Clock. But, for all this, it was eleven o' Clock at Night when we came to the Village adjacent to my Master's; and the Horses began to be very much tired, and Robin too; but I faid, it would be pity to put up only three Miles short of the House,

So about one we reached the Gate; but every body was a-bed. But one of the Helpers got the Keys from Mrs. Jewkes, and open'd the Gates; and the Horses could hardly crawl into the Stables. And

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I, when I went to get out of the Chariot, fell down,

and thought I had loft the Use of my Limbs.

Mrs. Jewkes came down, with her Cloaths huddled on, and lifted up her Hands and Eyes, at my Return. But shew'd more Care of the Horses than of me. By that time the two Maids came; and I made shift to

creep in as well as I could.

It feems my poor Master was very ill indeed, and had been upon the Bed most part of the Day; and Abraham (who succeeded John) sat up with him. And he was got into a fine Sleep, and heard not the Coach come in, nor the Noise we made; for his Chamber lay towards the Garden, on the other Side the House. Mrs. Jewkes said, He had a severish Complaint, and had been blooded; and, very prudently, order'd Abraham when he awaked, not to tell him I was come, for fear of surprizing him, and augmenting his Fever; nor, indeed, to say any thing of me, till she herself broke it to him in the Morning, as she should see how he was.

So I went to bed with Mrs. Jewkes, after she had caused me to drink almost half a Pint of burnt Wine, made very rich and cordial, with Spices; which I found very refreshing, and set me into a Sleep I little

hoped for.

TUESDAY Morning.

Etting up pretty early, I have written thus far, while Mrs. Jewkes lies snoring in bed, setching up her last Night's Disturbance. I long for her Rising, to know how my poor Master does. 'Tis well for her she can sleep so purely. No love, but for her self, will ever break her Rest, I am sure. I am deadly sore all over, as if I had been soundly beaten. Yet I did not think I could have liv'd under such Fatigue.

Mrs. Jewkes, as foon as she got up, went to know how my Master did, and if he had had a good Night; and having drank plentifully of Sack whey, had sweated much; so that his Fever had abated con-

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fiderably. She faid to him, that he must not be furprized, and she would tell him News. He asked, What? and she said, I was come. He raised himfelf up in his Bed; Can it be? faid he:-What already! --- She told him, I came last Night. fieur Colbrand coming to inquire of his Health, he order'd him to draw near him, and was infinitely pleased with the Account he gave him of the Journey; my Readiness to come back, and my Willingness to reach home that Night. And he said, Why, these tender Fair ones, I think, bear Fatigue better than us Men. But she is very good, to give me such an Instance of her Readiness to oblige me. Pray, Mrs. Jewkes, said he, take great care of her Health; and let her he a-bed all Day. She told him, I had been up these two Hours. Ask her, said he, if she will be so good as to pay me a Visit; if she won't, I'll rife, and go to her. Indeed Sir, said she, you must lie still; and I'll go to her. But don't urge her too much, faid he, if she be unwilling.

She came to me, and told me all the above; and I said, I would most willingly wait upon him. For indeed I longed to see him, and was much grieved he was so is. So I went down with her. Will she come? said he, as I entered the Room. Yes, Sir, said she; and she said, at the first Word, Most willingly. Sweet

Excellence! faid he.

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As foon as he saw me, he said, O my beloved Pamela! you have made me quite well I'm concern'd to return my Acknowledgments to you in so unsit a Place and Manner; but will you give me your Hand! I did, and he kissed it with great Eagerness. Sir, said I, you do me too much Honour!——I am forry you are ill.—I can't be ill, said he, while you are with me. I am well already.

Well, said he, and kissed my Hand again, you shall not repent this Goodness. My Heart is too full of it, to express myself as I ought. But I am forry you have had such a fatiguing. Time of it.

Life is no Life without you! if you had resused me, and yet I had hardly Hopes you would oblige me,

I should have had a severe fit of it, I believe; for I was taken very odly, and knew not what to make of myself: But now I shall be well instantly. You need not Mrs. Jewkes, added he, send for the Doctor from Stamford, as we talked Yesterday; for this lovely Creature is my Doctor, as her absence was my Disease.

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He begg'd me to fit down by his Bed-fide, and asked me if I had obliged him with fending for my former Pacquet? I faid, I had, and hoped it would be brought.

He faid it was doubly kind.

I would not stay long, because of disturbing him. And he got up in the Asternoon, and desir'd my Company; and seem'd quite pleas'd, easy, and much better. He said, Mrs. Jewkes, after this instance of my good Pamela's Obligingness in her Return, I am sure we ought to leave her entirely at her own Liberty; and pray, if she pleases to take a turn in the Chariot, or in the Garden, or to the Town, or where-ever she will, she must be left at Liberty, and asked no Questions; and do you do all in your Power to oblige her. She said, she would, to be sure.

He took my Hand, and said, One thing I will tell you, Pamela, because I know you will be glad to hear it, and yet not care to ask me, I have taken William's Bond for the Money; for how the poor Man had behaved, I can't tell; but he could get no Bail; and if I have no fresh Reason given me, perhaps I shall not exact the Payment; and he has been some time at Liberty; and now follows his School; but, methinks, I could wish you would not see him

at Prefent.

Sir, said I, I will not do any thing to disoblige you wilfully; and I am glad he is at Liberty, because I was the Occasion of his Missfortunes. I durst say no more, tho' I wanted to plead for the poor Gentleman; which in Gratitude, I thought I ought, when I could do him Service. I said, I am sorry, Sir, Lady Davers, who loves you so well, should have incurr'd your Displeasure, and there should be any Variance between your Honour and her. I hope

hope it was not on my Account. He took out of his Waistcoat Pocket, as he sat in his Gown, his Letter-case, and said, Here Pamela, read that when you go up Stairs, and let me have your Thoughts upon it; and that will let you into the Affair. He said, he was very heavy of a sudden, and would lie down, and indulge for that Day; and if he was better in the Morning would take an Airing in the Chariot. And so I took my Leave for the present, and went up to my Closet, and read the Letter he was pleased to put into my Hands; and which is as follows:

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Am very uneasy at what I hear of you; and must write whether it please you or not, my full Mind. I have had some People with me, defiring me to interpole with you; and they have a greater Regard for your Honour, than, I am forry. to fay it, you have yourfelf. Could I think that a Brother of mine would fo meanly run away with ' my late dear Mother's Waiting-maid, and keep her a Prisoner from all her Friends, and to the Difgrace of your own. But I thought when you would not let the Wench come to me on my Mothers Death, that you meant no good-----I blush for you, I'll affure you. The Girl was an ' innocent, good Girl; but I suppose that's over with her now, or foon will. What can you mean by this, let me ask you? Either you will have her for a kept Mistress or for a Wife. If the former; there are enough to be had, without ruining a poor Wench that my Mother lov'd, and who really was a very good Girl; and of this you may be asham'd. As to the other, I dare say, you den't think of it; but if you should, you would be utterly inexcufable. Consider, Brother, that ours is no upstart Family; but is as ancient as the best in the Kingdom; and for several Hundreds of Years, it has never been known that the Heirs of it have difgraced themselves by unequal

· Matches: And you know you have been fought to by some of the first Families in the Nation, for your Alliance. It might be well enough, if you were descended of a Family of Yesterday, or but a Re-" move or two from the Dirt you feem fo fond of. But, let me tell you, that I, and all mine, will reonounce you for ever, if you can descend so meanly; and I shall be ashamed to be called your Sister. ' handsome Gentleman as you are in your Person; fo happy in the Gifts of your Mind, that every body courts your Company; and posses'd of such a ' noble and clear Estate; and very rich in Money befides, left you by the best of Fathers and Mothers, with fuch ancient Blood in your Veins, untainted ! for you to throw away yourfelf thus, is intolerable; and it would be very wicked in you to ruin the Wench too. So that I beg you will restore her to ' her Parents, and give her 100 /. or fo, to make her happy in some honest Fellow of her own Degree; and that will be doing fomething, and will also oblige and pacify

. Your much grieved Sifter.

· If I have written too sharply, consider it is my ' Love to you, and the Shame you are bringing ' upon yourself; and I wish this may have the · Effect upon you intended by your very loving · Sifter.

This is a fad Letter, my dear Father and Mother: and one may fee how poor People are despised by the Proud and the Rich; and yet we were all on a foot originally: And many of these Gentlefolks, that brag of their ancient Blood, would be glad to have it as wholfome, and as really untainted, as ours !- Surely these proud People never think what a short Stage Life is; and that, with all their Vanity, a Time is coming, when they shall be obliged to submit to be on a Level with us; and true, faid the Philosopher, when he looked upon the Skull of a King, and that of a

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poor Man, that he saw no Difference between them-Besides do they not know, that the richest of Princes, and the poorest of Beggars, are to have one great and tremendous Judge, at the last Day; who will not dissinguish between them, according to their Qualities in Life?—But, on the contrary, may make their Condemnations the greater, as their neglected Opportunities were the greater? Poor Souls! how I pity their Pride!—O keep me, gracious God! from their high Condition, if my Mind shall ever be tainted with their Vice! or polluted with so cruel and inconsiderate a Contempt of the humble Estate which they behold with so much Scorn!

But besides, how do these Gentry know, that supposing they could trace back their Ancestry, for one, two, three, or even sive hundred Years, that then the original Stems of these poor Families, tho' they have not kept such elaborate Records of their Goodfor-nothingness, as it often proves, were not still deeper rooted?——And how can they be assured, that one hundred Years hence or two, some of those now despised upstart Families, may not revel in their Estates, while their Descendants may be reduced to the other's Dunghils?—And, perhaps, such is the Vanity, as well as Changeableness of human Estates, in their Turns set up for Pride of Family, and despise the others!

These Resestions occur'd to my Thoughts made serious by my Master's Indisposition, and this proud Letter of the lowly Lady Davers, against the bighminded Pamela. Lowly, I say, because she could stoop to such vain Pride; and high-minded I, because I hope I am too proud ever to do the like!—But, after all poor Wretches that we be! We scarce know what we are, much less what we shall he!—But, once more, pray I to be kept from the sinful Pride of a high Estate!

On this Occasion I recal the following Lines which I have read; where the Poet argues in a much better manner.

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Does various Parts for various Minds dispense;
The meanest Slaves, or those who hedge and ditch,
Are useful, by their Sweat to feed the Rich.
The Rich, in due Return, impart their Store;
Which camfortably feeds the labiring Poor.
Nor let the Rich the lowest Slave disdain,
He's equally a Link of Nature's Chain;
Labours to the same End, joins in one View;
And both alike the Will divine pursue:
And, at the last, are levell'd, King and Slave,
Without Distinction in the silent Grave.

WEDNESDAT Morning.

M Y Master sent me a Message just now, that he was so much better, that he would take a turn after Breakfast in the Chariot, and would have me give him my Company! I hope I shall know how to be humble and comport myself as I should do under all these Favours.

Mrs. Fewkes is one of the most obliging Creatures in the World; and I have fuch Respects shewn me by every one, as if I was as great as Lady Davers-But now, if this should all end in the Shammarriage!——It cannot be, I hope. Yet the Pride of Greatness and Ancestry, and such like, is so ftrongly fet out in Lady Davers's Letter, that I cannot flatter myself to be so happy as all these defirable Appearances make for me. Should I be now deceived, I should be worse off than ever. But I shall fee what Light this new Honour will procure me! So I'll get ready. But I won't, I think, change my Garb. Should I do it, it would look as if I would be nearer on a Level with him: And yet, should I not, it may be thought a Difgrace to him; but I will, I think, open the Portmanteau, and, for the first time, fince I came hither, put on my best Silk Night-gown. But then that will be making myself-a Sort of Right to the Cloarlis I had renounced : Well, he is kinder and kinder, and thank God, purely recover'd!—How charmingly he looks, to what

he did Yesterday! Blessed be God for it!

He arose and came to me, and took me by the Hand, and would set me down by him; and he said, My charming Girl seem'd going to speak. What would you say? -- Sir, said I, (a little asham'd) I think it is too great an Honour to go into the Chariot with you! No, my dear Pamela, said he; the pleasure of your Company will be greater than the Honour of

mine; and so say no more on that Head.

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But Sir, said I, I shall disgrace you to go thus. You will grace a Prince, my Fair-one, said the good kind, kind Gentleman! in that Dress, or any you shall chuse. And you look so pretty, that if you shall not catch Cold, in that round-ear'd Cap, you shall not catch Cold, in that round-ear'd Cap, you shall go just as you are. But, Sir, said I, then you'll be pleased to go a by-way, that it mayn't be seen you do so much Honour to your Servant. O my good Girl, said he, I doubt you are assaid of yourself being talk'd of, more than me. For I hope, by Degrees to take off the World's Wonder, and teach them to expect what is to follow, as a due to my Pamela.

O the dear good Man! There's for you, my dear Father and Mother! ———— Did I not do well now to come back!—O could I get rid of my Fears of this Sham-marriage, (for all this is not yet inconfident with that frightful Scheme) I should be too happy!

So I came up, with great Pleasure, for my Gloves; and now wait his kind Commands. Dear, dear Sir! said I to myself, as if I was speaking to him, for Gad's

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fake let me have no more Trials and Reverses; for I

could not bear it now, I verily think!

At last the welcome Message came, that my Master was ready; and so I went down as fast as I could; and he, before all the Servants, handed me in, as if I was a Lady; and then came in himself. Mrs. Jewkes begg'd he would take care he did not catch Cold, as he had been ill. And I had the Pride to hear his new Coachman say, to one of his Fellow-servants, They are a charming Pair, I am sure! 'tis pity they should be parted!—O my dear Father and Mother! I fear your Girl will grow as proud as any thing! And especially you will think I have Reason to guard against it, when you read the kind Particulars I am going to relate.

He order'd Dinner to be ready by Two; and A-braham, who succeeds John, went behind the Coach. He bid Robin drive gently, and told me he wanted to talk to me about his Sister Davers, and other Matters. Indeed, at first setting out, he kissed me a little too often, that he did; and I was asraid of Robin's looking back, thro' the Fore-glass, and People seeing us as they passed; but he was exceedingly kind to me,

in his Words, as well. At last, he said,

You have, I doubt not, read over and over, my Sister's sawcy Letter; and find, as I told you, that you are no more obliged to her than I am. You see she intimates that some People had been with her; and who should they be but the officious Mrs. Jerwis, and Mr. Longman, and Jonathan! And so that has made me take the Measures I did in dismissing them my Service.—I see, said he, you are going to speak on their Behalfs; but your Time is not come to do that, if ever I shall permit it.

My Sister, says he, I have been beforehand with, for I have renounced her. I am sure I have been a kind Brother to her; and gave her to the Value of 3000 l. more than her Share came to by my Father's Will, when I enter'd upon my Estate. And the Wo-

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man, furely, was beside herself with Passion and Insolence, when she wrote me such a Letter; for well the knew I would not bear it. But you must know, Pamela, that she is much incensed, that I will give no Ear to a Proposal of hers, of a Daughter of my Lord---- who faid he, neither in Person, or Mind, or Acquirements, even with her all Opportunities, is to be named in a Day with my Pamela. But yet you see the Plea, my Girl, which I made to you before, of this Pride of Condition, and the World's Censure, which, I own, sticks a little too close with me still. For a Woman shines not forth to the Publick as a Man; and the World fees not your Excellencies and Perfections: If it did, I should intirely stand acquitted by the severest Censurers. But it will be taken in the Lump; that here is Mr. B ..., with fuch and fuch an Estate, has married his Mother's Waiting maid; not confidering there is not a Lady in the Kingdom that can outdo her, or better support the Condition to which she will be raised, if I should marry her. And, said he, putting his Arm round me, and again kissing me, I pity my dear Girl too. for ber Part in this Censure; for, here will she have to combat the Pride and Slights of the neighbouring Gentry all around us. Sister Davers, you see, will never be reconciled to you. The other Ladies will not visit you; and you will, with a Merit transcending them all, be treated as if unworthy their Notice, Should I now marry my Pamela, how will my Girl relish all this? Won't these be cutting Things to my Fair-one? For, as to me, I shall have nothing to do, but with a good Estate in Possession, to brazen out the Matter, of my former Jokes on this Subject, with my Companions of the Chace, the Green, and the Assemblée; stand their rude Jests for once or twice, and my Fortune will create me always Respect enough, I warrant you. But, I say, what will my poor Girl do, as to her Part, with her own Sex? For some Company you must keep. My Station will not admit it to be with my common Servants; and the Ladies will fly your Acquaintance; and still, tho' my Wife,

will treat you as my Mother's Waiting-maid. - What

fays my Girl to this?

You may well guess, my dear Father and Mother, how transporting these kind, these generous, and condescending Sentiments were to me!—I thought I had the Harmony of the Spheres all around me; and every Word that dropt from his Lips, was as sweet as the Honey of Hybla to me.—Oh! Sir, said I; how inexpressibly kind and good is all this! Your poor Servant has a much greater Struggle than this to go thro', a

more knotty Difficulty to overcome.

What is that ? said he, a little impatiently: I will not forgive your Doubts now!—No, Sir, said I, I cannot doubt; but it is, how I shall support, how I shall deserve, your Goodness to me!—Dear Girl! said he, and hugg'd me to his Breast, I was afraid you would have made me angry again; but that I would not be; because I see you have a grateful Heart; and this your kind and chearful Return, after such cruel Usage as you had experienced in my House, enough to make you detest the Place, has made me resolve to bear any Thing in you, but Doubts of my Honour, at a Time when I am pouring out my Soul, with a true and affectionate Ardour, before you.

But, good Sir. said I, my greatest Concern will be for the rude Jests you will have to encounter with your self, for thus stooping beneath yourself. For as to me, considering my lowly Estate, and little Merit, even the Slights and Reslections of the Ladies will be an Honour to me: And I shall have the Pride to place more than half their Ill-will, to their Envy at my Happiness. And if I can by the most chearful Duty, and resigned Obedience, have the Pleasure to be agreeable to you, I shall think myself but too happy, let the

World say what it will,

He said, You are very good, my dearest Girl: But how will you bestow your Time, when you will have no Visits to receive or pay? No Parties of Pleasure to join in? No Card-tables to employ your Winter Eyenings, and even, as the Taste is, half the

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Day, Summer and Winter? and you have often play'd with my Mother too, and so know how to perform a Part there, as well as in the other Diversions: And I'll affere you, my Girl, I shall not defire you to live without such Amusements, as my Wife might expect, were I to marry a Lady of the first Quality.

O, Sir, said 1, you are all Goodness! How shall I bear it!—But do you think, Sir, in such a Family as yours, a Person, whom you shall-honour with the Name of Mistress of it, will not find useful Employments for her Time, without looking abroad for any

others ?

In the first Place, Sir, if you will give me Leave, I will myself look into such Parts of the Family, Occonomy, as may not be beneath the Rank to which I shall have the Favour of being exalted, if any such there can be; and this, I hope, without incurring the Ill-will of any bonest Servant.

Then, Sir, I will ease you of as much of your Family Accounts, as I possibly can, when I have convinced you, that I am to be trusted with them; and, you know, Sir, my late good Lady made me her Trea-

furer, her Almoner, and every Thing.

Then, Sir, if, I must needs be visiting or visited, and the Ladies won't honour me so much, or even if they would now-and then, I will receive and pay Visits, if your Goodness will allow me so to do, to the sick Poor in the Neighbourhood around you; and administer to their Wants and Necessities, in such small Matters, as may not be hurtful to your Estate, but comfortable to them; and intail upon you their B'essings, and their Prayers for your dear Health and Welfare.

Then I will affift your Housekeeper, as I used to do, in the making Jellies, Comsits, Sweet-meats, Marmalades, Cordials; and to pot, and candy, and preserve, for the Uses of the Family. And to make myself all the fine Linen of it, for yourself and me.

Then, Sir, if you will fometimes indulge me with your Company, I will take an Airing in your Charlot new-and-then: And when you shall return home from

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your Diversions on the Green, or from the Chace, or where ever you shall please to go, I shall have the Pleasure of receiving you with Duty, and a chearful Delight; and, in your Absence, count the Moments till you return; and you will, may-be, fill up the sweetest Part of my Time, with your agreeable Conversation, for an Hour or two now-and-then; and be indulgent to the impertinent Overslowings of my grateful Heart, for all your Goodness to me.

The Breakfasting-time, the Preparation for Dinner, and sometimes to entertain your chosen Friends, and the Company you shall bring home with you, Gentlemen, if not Ladies, and the Supperings, will fill up a great Part of the Day, in a very necessary manner.

And, may-be, Sir, now and then a good-humour'd Lady will drop in; and I hope if they do, I shall so behave myself, as not to add to the Disgrace you will have brought upon yourself; for indeed, I will be very circumspect, and try to be as discreet as I can; and as humble too, as shall be consistent with your Honeur.

Cards, 'tis true, I can play at, in all the usual Games, that our Sex indulge in; but this I am not fond of, and shall never desire to use them, but as it may encourage such Ladies, as you may wish to see, not to abandon your House for want of an Amusement,

they are used to.

Musick, which my good Lady taught me, will fill

up some Intervals, if I should have any.

And then, Sir, you know, I love Reading, and Scribbling; and tho' all the latter will be employ'd in the Family Accounts, between the Servants and me, and me and your good Self; yet Reading is a Pleasure to me, that I shall be unwilling to give up, at proper times, for the best Company in the World, except yours. And, O Sir! that will help to polish my Mind, and make me worthier of your Company and Conversation; and, with the Explanations you will give me, of what I shall not understand,

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But one Thing, Sir, I ought not to forget, because it is the chief; my Duty to God, will, I hope, always employ some good Portion of my Time, with Thanks for his superlative Goodness to me; and to pray for you and myself: For you, Sir, for a Blessing on you, for your great Goodness to such an unworthy Creature: For myself, that I may be enabled to discharge my Duty to you, and be found grateful for all the Blessings I shall receive at the Hands of Providence, by means of your Generosity and Condescension.

With all this, Sir, faid I, can you think I shall be at a Loss to pass my Time? But, as I know, that every Slight to me, if I come to be so happy, will be, in some Measure, a Slight to you, I will beg of you, Sir, not to let me go very fine in Dress; but appear only so, as that you may not be ashamed of it, after the Honour I shall have of being called by your worthy Name: For well I know, Sir, that nothing so much excites the Envy of my own Sex, as seeing a Person set above them in Appearance, and in Dress. And that would bring down upon me an hundred sawey Things, and low-born Brats, and I can't tell what!

There I stopt; for I had prattled a great deal; and he said, clasping me to him, Why stops my dear Pamela?——Why does she not proceed? I could dwell upon your Words all the Day long; and you shall be the Directress of your own Pleasures, and your own Time, so sweetly do you chuse to employ it. And thus shall I find some of my own bad Actions aton'd for by your Exemplary Goodness, and God will bless me for your sake!

O, said he, what Pleasure you give me in this sweet Foretaste of my Happiness! I will now defy the sawcy, busy Censurers of the World, and bid them know your Excellence, and my Happiness, before they, with unhallow'd Lips, presume to judge of my Actions, and your Merit!—And, let me tell you, my Pamela, that I can add my Hopes of a still more

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pleasing Amusement; and what your bashful Modesty would not permit you to hint; and which I will no otherwise touch upon, lest it should seem, to your Nicety, to detract from the present Purity of my good Intentions, than to say, I hope to have superadded to all these, such an Employment, as will give me a View of perpetuating my happy Prospects, and my Family at the same time; of which I am almost the only Male.

I blushed, I believe, yet could not be displeased at the decent and charming manner with which he instnuated this distant Hope: And Oh! judge for me, how my Heart was affected with all these things!

He was pleased to add another charming Reflection, which shew'd me the noble Sincerity of his kind Professions. I do own to you, my Pamela, said he, that I love you with a purer Flame, than ever I knew in my whole Life! A Flame, to which I was a Stranger, and which commenced for you in the Garden; tho' you, unkindly, by your unseasonable Doubts, nipp'd the opening Bud, while it was too tender to bear the cold Blasts of Slight or Negligence. And I know more sincere Joy and Satisfaction in this sweet Hour's Conversation with you, than all the guilty Tumults of my former Passion ever did, or (had even my Attempts succeeded) ever could have afforded me.

O, Sir, said I, expect not Words, from your poor Servant, equal to these most generous Professions. Both the Means, and the Will, I now see, are given to you, to lay me under an everlasting Obligation ! How happy shall I be, if the I cannot be worthy of all this Goodness and Condescension, I can prove myself not intirely unworthy of it! But I can only answer for a grateful Heart; and if ever I give you Cause wilfully, (and you will generously allow for involuntary Impersections) to be disgusted with me, may I be an Out-cast from your House and Favour, and as much repudiated, as if the Law had divorced me from you!

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But, Sir, continued I, tho' I was so unseasonable as I was in the Garden, you would, I flatter myself, had you then heard me, have pardon'd my Imprudence, and own'd I had some Cause to sear, and to wish to be with my poor Father and Mother; and this I the rather say, that you should not think me capable of returning Infolence for your Goodness; or appearing foolishly ungrateful to you, when you was so kind to

Indeed, Pamela, said he, you gave me great Uneafiness; for I love you too well not to be jealous of the least Appearance of your Indisference to me, or Preference of any other Person, not excepting your Parents themselves. This made me resolve not to hear you; for I had not got over my Reluctance to Marriage; and a little Weight, you know, turns the Scale, when it hangs in an equal Balance. But yet, you fee, that tho' I could part with you, while my Anger held, yet the Regard I had then newly profes'd for your Virtue, made me resolve not to offer to violate it; and you have feen likewife, that the painful Struggle I underwent when I began to reflect, and to read your moving Journal, between my Defire to recal you, and my Doubt, that you would return, (tho yet I resolved not to force you to it) had like to have cost me a severe Illness: But your kind and chearful Return has dispelled all my Fears, and given me Hope, that I am not indifferent to you; and you fee how your Presence has chas'd away my Illness.

I bless God for it, said I; but since you are so good as to encourage me, and will not despite my Weakness, I will acknowledge, that I suffer'd more than I could have imagined, till I experienced it, in being banish'd your Presence in so much Anger; and the more still was I affected, when you answer'd so generously, the wicked Mrs. Jewkes in my Favour, at my leaving your House: For this, Sir, awaken'd all my Reverence for you; and you faw I could not forbear, not knowing what I did, to break boldly in upon you, and acknowledge your Goodness on my Knees. 'Tis true, my dear Pamela, said he, we have

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fufficiently tortur'd one another; and the only Comfort that can result from it, will be, reslecting upon the Matter coolly and with Pleasure, when all these Storms are overblown, (as I hope they now are) and we sit together secur'd in each other's good Opinion, recounting the uncommon Gradations, by which we have ascended to the Summit of that Felicity, which I hope we shall shortly arrive at.

Mean-time, said the good Gentleman, let me hear what my dear Girl would have said in her Justification, could I have trusted myself with her, as to her Fears and the Reason of her wishing herself from me, at a Time that I had begun to shew my Fondness for her, in a manner that I thought would have been a-

greeable to her and Virtue.

I pulled out of my Pocket the Gypsey Letter; but I said, before I shew'd it to him, I have this Letter, Sir, to shew you, as what, I believe you will allow, must have given me the greatest Disturbance: But sirst, as I know not who is the Writer, and it seems to be in a disguis'd Hand, I would beg it as a Favour, that if you guess who it is, which I cannot, it may not turn to their Prejudice, because it was written very probably with no other View than to serve me.

He took it, and read it. And it being figned Somebody, he faid, Yes, this is indeed from Somebody; and, difguis'd as the Hand is, I know the Writer: Don't you fee by the Settness of some of these Letters, and a little Secretary cut here, and there, especially in that c, and that r, that it is the Hand of a Person bred in the Law-way? Why, Pamela, said he, 'tis old Longman's Hand. An officious Rascal as he is!—
But I have done with him! O Sir, said I, it would be too insolent in me to offer (so much am I myself overwhelm'd with your Goodness) to defend any body that you are angry with; yet, Sir, so far as they have incurr'd your Displeasure for my sake, and for no other Want of Duty or Respect, I could wish.—But I dare not say more—

But, said he, as to the Letter, and the Information it contains: Let me know, Pamela, when you re-

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ceiv'd this? On the Friday, Sir, faid I, that you was gone to the Wedding at Stamford. --- How could it be convey'd to you, faid he, unknown to Mrs. Jewkes, when I gave her such a strict Charge to attend you, and you yourself promis'd me, you would not throw yourfelf in the Way of fuch Intelligence ! For, faid he, when I went to Stamford, I knew from a private Intimation given me, that there would be an Attempt made to see you, or give you a Letter, by somebody, if not to get you away; but was not certain from what Quarter, whether from my Sister Davers, Mrs. Jervis, Mr. Longman, or John Arnold, or your Father; and as I was then but struggling with myself, whether to give way to my honourable Inclinations, or to free you, and let you go to your Father, that I might avoid the Danger I found myself in of the former (for I had absolutely resolved never to wound again even your Ears with any Proposals of a contrary Nature;) that was the Reason I desir'd you to permit Mrs. Jewkes, to be so much on her Guard till I came back, when I thought I should have decided this disputed Point within myself, between my Pride and my Inclinations.

This, good Sir, faid I, accounts well to me, for your Conduct in that Case, and for what you said to me and Mrs. Jewkes on that Occasion; and I see more and more how much I may depend upon your Honour and Goodness to me.—But I will tell you all the Truth. And then I recounted to him the whole Affair of the Gypsey, and how the Letter was put among the loofe Grass, &c. And he said, The Man who thinks a thousand Dragons sufficient to watch a Woman when her Inclination takes a contrary Bent. will find all too little; and the will engage the Stones in the Street, or the Grass in the Field, to act for her, and help on her Correspondence. If the Mind, faid he, be not engag'd, I fee there is hardly any Confinement sufficient for the Body; and you have told me a very pretty Story, and, as you never gave me any Reason to question your Veracity, even in your severest Trials, I make no Doubt of the Truth B 2

of what you have now mentioned. And I will in my Turn give you such a Proof of mine, that you shall

find it carry Conviction with it.

You must know then, my Panela, that I had actually form'd such a Project, so well inform'd was this old rascally Somebody: and the Time was fix'd, for the very Person describ'd in this Letter, to be here; and I had thought he should have read some Part of the Ceremony (as little as was possible, to deceive you) in my Chamber; and so I hop'd to have you mine upon Terms that then would have been much more agreeable to me than real Matrimony. And I did not in Haste intend you the Mortification of being undeceiv'd; so that we might have liv'd for Years, perhaps, very lovingly together; and I had, at the same time, been at Liberty to confirm or abrogate it, as I pleas'd.

O Sir, faid I, I am out of Breath with the Thoughts of my Danger. But what good Angel prevented this

deep laid Defign to be executed?

Why, your good Angel, Pamela, said he; for when I began to confider that it would have made you miserable, and me not happy; that if you should have a dear little one, it would be out of my own Power to legitimate it, if I should wish it to inherit my Estate; and that, as I am almost the last of my Family, and most of what I possess must descend to a strange Line, and difagreeable and unworthy Persons; notwithstanding that I might, in this Case, have Issue of my own Body: When I further consider'd your untainted Virtue, what Dangers and Trials you had undergone, by my Means, and what a World of Troubles I had involv'd you in, only because you were beautiful and virtuous, which had excited all my Passion for you; and reflected also upon your try'd Prudence and Truth, I, tho' I doubted not effecting this my last Plot, resolv'd to overcome myself; and however I might suffer in struggling with my Affection for you, to part with you, rather than to betray you under so black a Veil. Besides, said he, I resember'd how much I had exclaim'd against and cenfhall
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ting and ectitray recenur'd fur'd an Action of this Kind, that had been attributed to one of the first Men of the Law, and of the Kingdom, as he afterwards became; and that it was but treading in a Path that another had mark'd out for me; and, as I was affur'd, with no great Satisfaction to himself, when he came to reflect; my foolish Pride was a little piqu'd with this, because I lov'd to be, if I was out of the way, my own Original, as I may call it: On all these Considerations, it was, that I rejected this Project, and fent Word to the Person, that I had better consider'd of the Matter, and would not have him come, till he heard farther from me: And, in this Suspense, I suppose, some of your Confederates, Pamela, (for we have been a Couple of Plotters, tho' your Virtue and Merit have engag'd you faithful Friends and Partifans, which my Money and Promifes could hardly do) one way or other got Knowledge of it, and gave you this Notice; but perhaps, it would have come too late, had not your white Angel got the better of my black one, and inspir'd me with Resolutions to abandon the Project just as it was to be put in Execution. But yet I own, that, from these Appearances, you was but too well justify'd in your Fears, on this odd Way of coming at this Intelligence; and I have only one Thing to blame you for, that tho' I was refolv'd not to hear you in your own Defence, yet, as you have so ready a Talent at your Pen, you might have clear'd your Part of this Matter up to me by a Line or two; and when I had known what feeming good Grounds you had for pouring cold Water on a young Flame, that was just then rising to an honourable Expansion, I should not have imputed it, as I was apt to do, to unfeasonable Insult for my Tenderness to you on one hand; to perverse Nicety on the other; or to, what I was most alarm'd by, and concern'd for, Prepossession for some other Person. And this would have sav'd us both much Fatigue, I of Mind, you of Body.

And indeed, Sir, faid I, of Mind too; and I could not better manifest this, than by the Chearfulness with which I obey'd your Recalling me to your Presence.

Ay, that my dear Pamela, faid he, and clasp'd me in his Arms, was the kind, the inexpressibly kind Action that has rivetted my Affections to you, and gives me to pour out, in this free and unreserv'd manner, my whole Soul in your Bosom.

I said, I had the less Merit in this my Return, because I was driven by an irresistible Impulse to it, and

could not help it if I would.

This, faid he, (and honour'd me, by kiffing my Hand) is engaging indeed, if I may hope that my Pamela's gentle Inclination for her Persecutor, was the strongest Motive to her Return; and I so much value a voluntier Love, in the Person I would wish for my Wife, that I would have even Prudence and Interest hardly nam'd, in Comparison with it. And can you return me fincerely the honest Compliment I now make you, that as in the Act that I hope shall foon unite us together, it is impossible that I should have any View to my Interest; and, that Love, true Love, is the only Motive by which I am directed; that, were I not what I am, you could give me the Preference to any other Person in the World that your know, notwithstanding all that has pass'd between us? Why, faid I, should your so much obligated Pamela refuse to answer this kind Question? Cruel, as I have thought you, and dangerous your Views to my Honesty; You, Sir, are the only Person living that ever was more than indifferent to me; and before I knew this was what I blush now to call it, I could not hate you, or wish you ill, tho' from my Soul, the Attempts you made, were shocking and most distasteful to me.

I am fatisfy'd, my Pamela, faid he; nor do I want to fee those Papers that you have kindly written for to your Father; tho' I still wish to see them too, for the sake of the sweet manner in which you write your Sentiments; and to have before me the whole Series of your Sufferings, that I may know whether all my future Kindness is able to recompense you for them.

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In this manner, my dear Father and Mother, did your happy Daughter find herself bless'd by her generous Master! An ample Recompence for all her Sufferings, did I think this fweet Conversation only. A hundred tender Things he express'd besides, that tho' they never can escape my Memory, yet would be too tedious to write down. Oh how I bless'd God, and, I hope, ever shall, for all his gracious Favours to his unworthy Handmaid! What a happy Change is this. And who knows but my kind, my generous Master may put it in my Power, when he shall see me not quite unworthy of it, to be a Means, without injuring him, to dispense around me, to many Persons, the happy Influences of the Condition to which I shall be, by his kind Favour, exalted? Doubly bleft shall I be, in particular, if I can return the hundredth Part of the Obligations I owe to fuch honest good Parents, to whose pious Instructions and Examples. under God, I owe all my present Happiness and future Prospects.—O the Joy that fills my Mind on these proud Hopes! on these delightful Prospects! — It is too mighty for me; and I must sit down to ponder all these Things, and to admire and bless the Goodness of that Providence, which has, thro' fo many intricate Mazes, made me tread the Paths of Innocence, and so amply rewarded me, for what it has itself enabled me to do! All Glory to God alone be ever given for it, by your Poor enraptur'd Daughter .-

I will now continue my most pleasing Relation.

As the Chariot was returning home from this sweet Airing, he said, From all that has pass'd between us, in this pleasing Turn, my Pamela will see, and will believe, that the Trials to her Virtue are all over from me: But perhaps, there will be some sew yet to come to her Patience and Humility. For I have, at the earnest Importunity of Lady Darnford, and her Daughters, promised them a Sight of my beloved Girl: And so I intend to have their whole Family, and Lady Jones, and Mrs. Peter's Family, to B 4

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dine with me once in a few Days. And as I believe you would hardly chuse at present to grace the Table on the Occasion, till you can do it in your own Right, I would be glad you will not refuse coming down to us, if I desire it; for I would presace our Nuptials, said the dear Gentleman! O what a sweet Word was that I—with the good Opinion of these Gentry of your Merits, and to see you, and your sweet Manner, will be enough for that Purpose; and so, by degrees, prepare my Neighbours for what is to follow: And they already have your Character from me, and are dispos'd to admire you.

Sir, faid I, after all that has pass'd, I should be unworthy if I could not say, that I can have no Will but yours; and howfoever aukwardly I shall behave in such Company, weigh'd down with the Sense of your Obligations, on one Side, and my own Unworthiness, with their Observations on the other, I will

not scruple to obey you.

I am oblig'd to you, Pamela, said he; and pray be only dress'd as you are; for as they know your Condition, and I have told them the Story of your present Dress, and how you came by it, one of the young Ladies begs it as a Favour, that they may see you just as you are: And I am the rather pleas'd it should be so, because they will perceive you owe nothing to Dress, and make a much better Figure with your own native Stock of Loveliness, than the greatest Ladies do in the most splendid Attire, and stuck out with the

most glittering Jewels.

O Sir, said I, your Goodness beholds your poor Servant in a Light greatly beyond her Merit! But it must not be expected that others, Ladies especially, will look at me with your favourable Eyes: But, nevertheless, I should be best pleas'd to wear always this humble Garb, till you, for your own sake, shall order it otherwise: For, oh! Sir, said I, I hope it will be always my Pride to glory most in your Goodness; and it will be a Pleasure to me to shew every one, that, with respect to my Happiness in this Life, I am intirely the Work of your Bounty; and to let the

World see from what a lowly Original you have rais'd me to Honours, that the greatest Ladies would rejoice in.

Admirable Pamela, faid he, excellent Girl!——Surely thy Sentiments are superior to those of all thy Sex!—I might have addressed a hundred fine Ladies; but never, surely, could have had Reason to admire

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As, my dear Father and Mother, I repeat these generous Sayings, only as they are the Essect of my Master's Goodness, and am far from presuming to think I deserve one of them; so I hope you will not attribute it to my Vanity; for, I do assure you, I think I ought rather to be more humble, as I am more oblig'd: For it must be always a Sign of a poor Condition to receive Obligations one cannot repay; as it is of a rich Mind, when it can confer them, without expecting or needing a Return. It is, on one Side, the State of the human Creature compar'd, on the other, to the Creator, and so, with due Deserence, may be said to be God-like, and that is the highest that can be said.

The Chariot brought us home at near the Hour of two, and, bleffed be God, my Master is pure and well, and chearful; and that makes me hope he does not repent him of his Goodness. He handed me out of the Chariot, and to the Parlour, with the same Goodness, that he shew'd when he put me in it, before several of the Servants. Mrs. Jewkes came to inquire how he did. Quite well, Mrs. Jewkes, said he, quite well; I thank God, and this good Girl, for it!—— I am glad of it, said she; But I hope you are not the worse for my Care, and my doctoring you!—No, but the better Mrs. Jewkes, said he, you have much oblig'd me by both.

Then he said, Mrs. Jewkes, you and I have used this good Girl very hardly—I was asraid, Sir, said she, I should be the Subject of her Complaints.—I assure you, said he, she has not open'd her Lips about you. We have had quite a different Subject

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especially, she must; because you have done nothing but by my Orders. But I only mean, that the necessary Consequence of those Orders has been very grievous to my Pamela: And now comes our Part to make

her Amends, if we can.

Sir, said she, I always said to Madam, (as she call'd me) that you was very good, and very forgiving. No, said he, I have been stark naught, and it is she, I hope, will be very forgiving. But all this Preamble is to tell you, Mrs. Jewkes, that now I defire you'll study to oblige her, as much as (to obey me) you was forc'd to disoblige her before. And you'll remember, that in every Thing she is to be her own Mistress.

Yes, faid she, and mine too, I suppose, Sir? Ay, faid the generous Gentleman, I believe it will be so in a little Time.— Then, said she, I know how it will go with me! And so put her Handkerchief to her Eyes.——Pamela, said my Master, comfort poor

Mrs. Fewkes.

This was very generous, already to feem to put her in my Power; and I took her by the Hand, and faid, I shall never take upon myself, Mrs. Jewkes, to make a bad Use of any Opportunities that may be put into my Hands, by my generous Master; nor shall I ever wish to do you Prejudice, if I might; For I shall consider, that what you have done, was in Obedience to a Will which it will become me also to submit to; and so, tho' we shall be acted very differently as to the Effects, yet as these Effects proceed from one Cause, it shall be always reverenced by me.

See there, Mrs. Jewkes, said my Master, we are both in generous Hands; and indeed, if she did not pardon you, I should think she but half forgave me, because you acted by my instructions.—Well, said she, God bless you both together, since it must be so; and I will double my Diligence to oblige my Lady, as I

find the will foon be.

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O my dear Father and Mother, now pray for me on another Score! for fear I should grow too proud, and be giddy and foolish with all these promising Things, so soothing to the Vanity of my Years and Sex. But even to this Hour can I pray, that God would remove from me all these delightful Prospects, if they should so corrupt my Mind, as to make me proud, and vain, and not acknowledge, with thankful Humility, the bleffed Providence which has so visibly conducted me thro' the dangerous Paths I have trod. to this happy Moment.

My Master was pleas'd to say, that he thought I might as well dine with him, as he was alone. But, I faid, I begg'd he would excuse me, for fear so much Excess of Goodness and Condescension, all at once, should turn my Head; and that he would by slower Degrees bring on my Happiness, lest I should not know how to bear it.

Persons that doubt themselves, said he, seldom do amis. And if there was any Fear of what you say, you could not have had it in your Thoughts: For none but the presumptuous, the conceited, and the thoughtless, err capitally. But nevertheless, said he, I have such an Opinion of your Prudence, that I shall generally think what you do right, because it is you that do it.

Sir, faid I, your kind Expressions shall not be thrown away upon me, if I can help it; for they will talk me, with the Care of endeavouring to deferve your good Opinion, and your Approbation, as the best Rule

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Being then about to go up Stairs, permit me, Sir, faid I, (looking about me, with some Confusion, to fee nobody was there) thus on my Knees to thank you, as I often wanted to do in the Chariot, for all your Goodness to me, which shall never, I hope, be cast away upon me. And so I had the Boldness to kifs his Hand.

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was like a too full River, which overflows its Banks; and it carry'd away my Fear and my Shame-facedness, as that does all before it, on the Surface of the Waters!

He class'd me in his Arms, with Transport, and condescendingly kneel'd by me, and kissing me, said, O my dear obliging good Girl, on my Knee, as you on yours, I vow to you everlasting Truth and Fidelity; and may God but bless us both with half the Pleasures that seem to lie before us, and we shall have no Reason to envy the Felicity of the greatest Princes! O Sir, said I, how shall I support so much Goodness!—I am poor, indeed, in every Thing, compar'd to you! And how far, very far, do you, in every generous Way,

leave me behind you!

He rais'd me, and as I bent towards the Door, led me to the Stairs Foot, and faluting me there again, I went up to my Closet, and threw myself on my Knees in Raptures of Joy, and bless'd that gracious God, who had thus chang'd my Distress to Happiness, and so abundantly rewarded me for all the Sufferings I had pass'd thro'—And Oh! how light, how very light, do all these Sufferings now appear, which then my repining Mind made so formidable to me! --- Hence, in every State of Life, and in all the Changes and Chances of it, for the future, will I trust in Providence, who knows what is best for us, and frequently turns the very Evils we most dread, to be the Caufes of our Happiness, and of our Deliverance from greater !- My Experiences, young as I am, as to this great Point of Reliance on God, are strong, the' my Judgment in general may be weak and uninformed; but you'll excuse these Reslections, because they are your beloved Daughter's; and, so far as they are not amis, derive themselves from the Benefit of yours and my late good Lady's Examples and Instructions.

I have wrote a vast deal in a little Time: And shall only fay, to conclude this delightful Wednesday, that in the Asternoon my good Master was so well, that

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that he rode out on Horse-back, and came Home about nine at Night; and then came up to me, and feeing me with Pen and Ink before me in my Closet, faid, I come only to tell you I am very well, my Pamela, and as I have a Letter or two to write, I will leave you to proceed in yours, as I suppose that was your Employment; (for I had put by my Paper at his coming up) and fo he faluted me, bid me goodnight, and went down; and I finish'd down to this Place before I went to bed. Mrs. Jewkes told me, if it was more agreeable to me, she would lie in another Room; but I faid, no thank you, Mrs. Jewkes; pray let me have your Company. And she made me a fine Curchee, and thank'd me. How Times are alter'd!

THURSDAY.

HIS Morning my Master came up to me, and talk'd with me on various Subjects for a good while together in the most kind Manner. Among other Things, he ask'd me, if I chose to order any new Cloaths against my Marriage (O how my Heart flutters when he mentions this Subject fo freely!) I faid, I left every Thing to his good Pleasure, only repeating my Request, for the Reasons aforegiven, that I might not be too fine.

He faid, I think, my Dear, it shall be very private: I hope you are not afraid of a Sham-marriage; and pray get the Service by Heart, that you may fee nothing is omitted. I glow'd between Shame and De-

light. O how I felt my Cheeks burn!

I faid, I fear'd nothing, I apprehended nothing, but my own Unworthiness. Said he, I think it shall be done within these fourteen Days, from this Day, at this House. O how I trembled; but not with Grief, you may believe !- What fays my Girl? Have you to object against any Day of the next fourteen? Because my Affairs require me to go to my other House, and I think not to stir from this, till I am happy in you ?

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I have no Will but yours, faid I, (all glowing like the Fire, as I could feel:) But, Sir, did you fay in the House? Ay, faid he; for I care not how privately it be done; and it must be very publick if we go to Church. It is a Holy Rite, Sir, said I, and would be

better, methinks, in a Holy Place.

I see, (said he, most kindly) my lovely Maid's Consuson; and your trembling Tenderness shews, I ought to oblige you all I may. Therefore, I will order my own little Chappel, which has not been us'd for two Generations, for any Thing but a Lumberroom, because our Family seldom resided here long together, to be clear'd and clean'd, and got ready for the Ceremony if you dislike your own Chamber, or mine.

Sir, faid I, that will be better than the Chamber; and I hope it will never be lumber'd again, but kept to the Use, for which, as I presume, it has been consecrated. O yes, said he, it has been consecrated, and that many Ages ago, in my Great Great-grand-sather's Time, who built that and the good old House together.

But now, my good Girl, if I do not too much add to your fweet Confusion, shall it be in the first seven Days, or the second, of this Fortnight? I look'd down,

quite out of Countenance. Tell me, faid he?

In the fecond, if you please, Sir, said I.—As you please, said he, most kindly; but I should thank you, Pamela, if you chuse the first. I'd rather, Sir, if you please, said I, have the second. Well, said he, be it so; but don't defer it to the last Day of the fourteen.

Pray, Sir, faid I, fince you embolden me to talk on this important Subject, may I not fend my dear Father and Mother Word of my Happiness?—Yes, you may, faid he; but charge them to keep it fecret, till you or I direct the contrary. And I told you I would fee no more of your Papers; but I meant, I would not without your Confent: But if you will shew them to me, (and now I have no other Motive for my Curiosity, but the Pleasure I take in reading

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If Sir, faid I, you will be pleas'd to let me write over again one Sheet, I will, tho' I had rely'd upon your Word, and not wrete them for your Perusal. What is that, faid he? tho' I cannot consent to it beforehand: For I more defire to see them, because they are your true Sentiments at the Time, and because they were not written for my Perusal. Sir, said I, What I am loth you should see, are very severe Reslections on the Letter I receiv'd by the Gypsey, when I apprehended your Design of the Sham-marriage; tho' there are other Things I would not have you see; but that is the worst. It can't be worse, said he, my dear Saucebox, than I have feen already; and, I will allow your treating me in ever so black a Manner on that Occasion, because it must have a very black Appearance to you.—Well, Sir, faid I, I think I will obey you. before Night. But don't alter a Word, faid he. I won't, Sir, reply'd I, fince you order it.

While we were talking, Mrs. Jewkes came up, and faid Thomas was return'd. O, faid my Master, let him bring up the Papers. For he hop'd, and so did I, that you had sent them by him. But it was a great Balk, when he came up and said, Sir, Mr. Andrews did not care to deliver them; and would have it, that his Daughter was forc'd to write that Letter to him; And indeed, Sir, said he, the old Gentleman took on sadly, and would have it that his Daughter was undone, or else, he said, she would not have turn'd back, when on her Way, (as I told him she did, said Thomas) instead of coming to them. I began to be afraid now that all would be bad for me again.

Well, Tom, said he, don't mince the Matter. Tell me, before Mrs. Andrews, what they said. Why, Sir, both he and Goody Andrews, after they had conferr'd together upon your Letter, Madam, came out, weeping bitterly, that griev'd my very Heart; and they said, Now all was over with their poor Daughter; and either she had wrote that Letter by Compulsion, or had

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yielded to your Honour, fo they faid, and was, or would be ruin'd!

My Master seem'd vex'd, as I sear'd. And I said, Pray, Sir, be so good to excuse the Fears of my honest Parents! They cannot know your Goodness to me.

And so, (said he, without answering me,) they refus'd to deliver the Papers? Yes, and please your Honour, faid Thomas, tho' I told them, that you, Madam, of your own Accord, on a Letter I had brought you, very chearfully wrote what I carry'd. But the old Gentleman said, Why, Wife, there are in these Papers twenty Things nobody should see but ourselves, and especially not the 'Squire. O the poor Girl has had so may Stratagems to contend with, that now, at last, she has met with one that has been too hard for her. And can it be possible for us to account for her fetting out to come to us, in such Post-haste, and when she had got above Half-way, to fend us this Letter, and to go back again of her own Accord, as you fay; when we know that all her Delight would have been to come to us, and to escape from the Perils she has been so long contending with? And then, and please your Honour, he said, he could not bear this; for his Daughter was ruin'd to be fure, before now. And fo, faid he, the good old Couple fat themselves down, and Hand-in-hand, leaning upon each other's Shoulder, did nothing but lament. -I was, faid he, piteously griev'd; but all I could say could not comfort them; nor would they give me the Papers; tho' I told them I should deliver them only to Mrs. Andrews herfelf. And fo, and please your Honour, I was forced to come away without them.

My good Master saw me all bath'd in Tears at this Description of your Distress and Fears for me, and he said, I would not have you take on so. I am not angry with your Father in the main; he is a good Man; and I would have you write out of Hand, and it shall be sent by the Post, to Mr. Atkins, who lives within two Miles of your Father, and I'll inclose it in a Cover of mine, in which I'll desire Mr. Atkins, the Moment it comes to his Hand, to convey it safely to your Father or Mother: And say nothing of their sending the Pa-

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pers, that it may not make them uneasy; for I want not now to see them on any other Score than that of mere Curiosity; and that will do at any Time. And so saying, he saluted me, before Thomas, and with his own Handkerchief wip'd my Eyes; and said to Thomas, The good old Folks are not to be blam'd in the main: They don't know my honourable Intentions by their dear Daughter: Who, Tom, will, in a little Time, be your Mistress; tho' I shall keep the Matter private some Days, and would not have it spoken of by my Servants out of my House.

Thomas said, God bless your Honour. You know best. And I faid, O Sir, you are all Goodness!-How kind is this, to forgive the Disappointment, inflead of being angry, as I fear'd you would. Thomas then withdrew. And my Master said, I need not remind you of writing out of Hand, to make the good Folks easy: And I will leave you to yourself for that Purpose; only send me down such of your Papers, as you are willing I should see, with which I shall entertain myself for an Hour or two. But one Thing, added he, I forgot to tell you, the neighbouring Gentry I mentioned, will be here to morrow to dine with me; and I have order'd Mrs. Jewkes to prepare for them. And must I, Sir, said I, be shewn to them? O yes, said he, that's the chief Reason of their coming. And you'll see no body equal to yourself; don't be concern'd.

I open'd my Papers, as soon as my Master had lest me, and laid out those beginning on the Thursday Morning he set out for Stamford, with the Morning Visit he made me before I was up, and the Injunctions of Watchfulness, &c. to Mrs. Jewkes; the next Day's Gypsey Assair, and my Reslections, in which I call'd him truly diabolical, and was otherwise very severe, on the strong Appearances the Matter had then against him. His Return on Saturday, with the Dread he put me in, on the offering to search me for my Papers which sollowed those he had got by Mrs. Jewkes's Means. My being forc'd to give them up. His Carriage to me after he had read them; and Questions to me. His great Kindness

Kindness to me on seeing the Dangers I had escap'd and the Troubles I had undergone. And how I unfeafonably, in the midst of his Goodness, express'd my Defire of being fent to you, having the Intelligence of a Sham-marriage, from the Gypsey, in my Thoughts. How this inrag'd him, and made him turn me that ve. ry Sunday out of his House, and send me on my Way to you. The Particulars of my Journey, and my Grief at parting with him; and my free Acknowledgments to you, that I found, unknown to myself, I had begun to love him, and could not help it. His fending after me, to beg my Return; but yet generously leaving me at my Liberty, when he might have forc'd me to return whether I was willing or not. My Resolution to oblige him, and fatiguing Journey back. My Concern for his Illness on my Return. His kind Reception of me, and shewing me his Sister Davers's angry Letter, against his Behaviour to me, desiring him to set me free, and threatening to renounce him as a Brother, if he should degrade himself by marrying me. My serious Reflections on this Letter, &c. (all which, I hope, with the others, you will shortly see) and this carry'd Matters down to Tuesday Night last.

All that follow'd was so kind of his Side, being our Chariot Conference, as above, on Wednesday Morning, and how good he has been ever since, that I thought I would go no farther; for I was a little asham'd to be so very open on that tender and most grateful Subject; though his great Goodness to me deserves all the Ac-

knowledgments I can possibly make.

And when I had look'd these out, I carried them down myself into the Parlour to him, and said, putting them into his Hands, Your Allowances, good Sir, as heretofore; and if I have been too open and free in my Reslections or Declarations; let my Fears on one Side, and my Sincerity on the other, be my Excuse. You are very obliging, my good Girl, said he. You have nothing to apprehend from my Thoughts, any more than from my Actions.

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Master's Goodness, and expressing that Gratitude of Heart, which I owe to the kindest Gentleman in the World, and affuring you, that I should soon have the Pleasure of sending back to you, not only those Papers, but all that succeeded them to this Time, as I know you delight to amuse yourself in your Leisure Hours with my Scribble; and I faid, carrying it down to my Master, before I seal'd it, Will you please, Sir, to take the Trouble of reading what I writ to my dear Parents? Thank you Pamela, faid he, and fet me on his Knee, while he read it, and feem'd much pleas'd with it, and giving it me again, you are very happy, faid he, my belov'd Girl, in your Style and Expressions: And the affectionate Things you say of me, are inexpressibly obliging; and again, with this Kiss, said he, do I confirm for Truth all that you have promis'd for my Intentions in this Letter.—O what Halcyon Days are these? God continue them !——A Change now, would kill me quite.

He went out in his Chariot in the Afternoon; and in the Evening return'd, and fent me Word, he would be glad of my Company for a little Walk in the Gar-

den; and down I went that very Moment.

He came to meet me. So, faid he, how does my dear Girl do now?—Who do you think I have feen fince I have been out?—I don't know, Sir, faid I, Why faid he, there is a Turning in the Road, about five Miles off, that goes round a Meadow, that has a pleasant Foot-way, by the side of a little Brook, and a double Row of Limes on each Side, where now and then the Gentry in the Neighbourhood, walk, and angle, and divert themselves—I'll shew it you next Opportunity—And I stept out of my Chariot, to walk cross this Meadow, and bid Robin meet me with it on the further part of it. And who should I 'spy there, walking, with a Book in his Hand, reading, but your humble Servant Mr. Williams? — Don't blush Pamela, faid he --- As his Back was to me, I thought I would speak to the Man, and before he saw me, I said, How do you, old Acquaintance? (for faid he, you know we were of one College for a Twelvemonth) I

thought the Man would have jump'd into the Brook, he gave such a Start at hearing my Voice, and seeing me.

Poor Man! faid I. Ay, faid he, but not too much of your poor Man, in that foft Accent, neither, Pamela—Said I, I am forry my Voice is so startling to you, Mr. Williams. What are you reading? Sir, faid he, and stammer'd with the Surprize, it is the French Telemachus; for I am about perfecting myself, if I can, in the French Tongue—Thought I, I had rather so, than perfecting my Pamela in it.—You do well, reply'd I—Don't you think that yonder Cloud may give us a small Shower! and it did a little begin to wet—He said, he believ'd not much.

If, faid I, you are for the Village, I'll give you a Cast; for I shall call at Sir Simon's, in my Return from the little Round I am taking. He ask'd me if it was not too great a Favour?—No, said I, don't talk of that; let us walk to the further opening there, and we

shall meet my Charios.

So, Pamela, continued my Master, we fell into Conversation, as we walk'd. He said, he was very forry he had incurr'd my Displeasure; and the more, as he had been told, by Lady Jones, who had it from Sir Simon's Family, that I had a more honourable View than at first was apprehended. I said, We Fellows of Fortune, Mr. Williams, take sometimes a little more Liberty with the World than we ought to do; wantoning, very probably, as you contemplative Folks would fay, in the Sun beams of a dangerous Affluence, and cannot think of confining ourselves to the common Paths, tho the fafest and most eligible, after all. And you may believe I could not very well like to be supplanted in a view that lay next my Heart; and that by an old Acquaintance, whose Good, before this Affair, I was studious to promote.

I would only say, Sir, said he, that my first Motive was entirely such as became my Function: And, very politely, said my Master, he added, And I am very sure, that however inexcusable I might seem in the Progress of the Matter, yourself, Sir, would have been

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Well, Mr. Williams, faid I, I fee you are a Man of Gallantry, as well as Religion: But what I took most amiss was, that if you thought me doing a wrong Thing, you did not expostulate with me, as your Function might allow you, upon it, but immediately determin'd to counterplot me, and to turn as much an Intriguer for a Parson, as I was for a Laick, and attempt to secure to yourself a Prize, you would have robb'd me of, and that from my own House. But the Matter is at an End, and I retain not any Malice upon it, tho' you did not know, but I should, at last, do honourably by her, as I actually intend.

I am forry for myself, Sir, said he, that I should so unhappily incur your Displeasure; But I rejoice for her sake in your honourable Intentions: Give me Leave only to say, that if you make Mrs. Andrews your Lady, she will do Credit to your Choice with every Body that sees her, or comes to know her; and for Person and Mind both, you may challenge the County.

In this Manner, faid my Master, did the Parson and I confabulate; and I set him down at his Lodgings in the Village. But he kept your Secret, Pamela, and would not own, that you gave Encouragement to his Address as to Matrimony.

Indeed, Sir, faid I, he could not fay that I did; and I hope you believe me. I do, I do, faid he; but 'tis still my Opinion, that if, when I faw Plots set up against my Plots, I had not, as I had, discover'd the Parson, it might have gone to a Length that would have put our present Situation out of both our Powers.

Sir, faid I, when you confider that my utmost Prefumption could not make me hope for the Honour you now seem to design me; that therefore, I had no Prospect before me but Dishonour; and was so hardly us'd into the Bargain, I should have seem'd very little in Earnest in my Professions of Honesty, if I had not endeavour'd to get away: But yet I resolv'd not to think of Marriage; for I never saw the Man I could love, till your Goodness embolden'd me to look up to

you.

I should, my dear Pamela, said he, make a very ill Compliment to my Vanity, if I did not believe you: tho' at the same time, Justice calls upon me to own, that it is, all Things consider'd, beyond my Merit.

There was a fweet noble Expression for your poor Daughter, my dear Father and Mother!—And from

my Master too!

I was glad to hear this Account of the Interview between Mr. Williams and himself; but I dar'd not to say so. I hope in Time he will be re-instated in his good Graces.

He was so good as to tell me, he had given Orders for the Chappel to be clear'd. O how I look forward with inward joy, yet with Fear and Trembling!

FRIDAY.

A BOUT Twelve o' Clock came Sir Simon, and his Lady and two Daughters, and Lady Jones, and a Sifter-in-law of hers, and Mr. Peters, and his Spoufe and Niece. Mrs. Jewkes, who is more and more obliging, was much concern'd I was not drefs'd in some of my best Cloaths, and made me many Compliments.

They all went into the Garden for a Walk before Dinner, and, I understood, were so impatient to see me, that my Master took them into the largest Alcove, after they had walk'd two or three Turns, and stept himself to me. Come, my Pamela, said he, the Ladies can't be satisfy'd without seeing you, and I desire you'll come. I said, I was asham'd; but I would obey him. Said he, The two young Ladies are dress'd out in their best Attire; but they make not such an Appearance as my charming Girl in this ordinary Garb.—Sir, said I, shan't I follow there? for I can't bear you should do me so much Honour. Well, said he, I'll go before you. And he bid Mrs. Fewkes bring a Bottle or two of Sack, and some Cake. So he went down to them.

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Will you forgive the little vain Slut your Daughter, if I tell you all, as he was pleas'd to tell me? He faid, 'spying me first, Look there, Ladies, comes my pretty Rustick!—They all, I saw, which dash'd me, stood at the Windows, and in the Door way, looking full at me.

My Master told me, that Lady Jones said, she is a charming Creature, I see that, at this Distance. And Sir Simon, it seems, who has been a sad Rake in his younger Days, swore he never saw so easy an Air, so sine a Shape, and so graceful a Presence,—The Lady Darnford said, I was a sweet Girl. And Mrs. Peters said very handsome Things. Even the Parson said, I should be the Pride of the County. O dear Sirs! all this was owing to the Light my good Master's Favour plac'd me in, which made me shine out in their Eyes beyond my Deserts. He said the young Ladies blush'd, and envy'd me.

When I came near, he saw me dash'd and confus'd. and was so good to meet me, Give me your Hand, said he, my good Girl, you walk too fast (for indeed I wanted to be out of their gazing). I did so, with a Curchee, and he led me up the Steps of the Alcove, and in a most Gentleman-like Manner, presented me to the Ladies, and they all faluted me, and faid, They hop'd to be better acquainted with me; and Lady Darnford was pleas'd to fay, I should be the Flower of their Neighbourhood. Sir Simon said, good Neighbour, by your Leave, and faluting me, added, Now will I say, that I have kis'd the loveliest Maiden in England. But for all this, methought I ow'd him a Grudge for a Tell-tale, tho' all had turn'd out so happily. Mr. Peters very gravely follow'd his Example, and faid, like a Bishop, God bless you, fair Excellence. Said Lady Jones, Pray, dear Madam, sit down by me. And they all fat down; but I faid, I would fland, if they pleas'd. No, Pamela, faid my Matter, Pray fit down with these good Ladies, my Neighbours:---They will indulge it to you, for my fake, till they know you better; and for your own, when they are acquainted with

with you. Sir, faid I, I shall be proud to deferve

their indulgence.

They all so gaz'd at me, that I could not look up; for I think it is one of the Distinctions of Persons of Condition, and well bred People, to put bashful Bodies out of Countenance. Well, Sir Simon, said my Master, what say you now to my pretty Rustick?—
He swore a great Oath, that he should better know what to say to me if he was as young as himself. Lady Darnford said, You will never leave, Sir Simon.

Said, my Master, You are a little confus'd, my good Girl, and out of Breath; but I have told all my kind Neighbours here a good deal of your Story, and your Excellence. Yes, said Lady Darnford, my dear Neighbour, as I will call you; we that are here present have all heard of your uncommon Story. Madam, said I, you have then heard what must make your kind Allowance for me very necessary. No, said Mrs. Peters, we have heard what will always make you valued as an Honour to our Sex, and as a worthy Pattern for all the young Ladies in the County. You are very good, Madam, said I, to make me able to look up, and be thankful for the Honour you are all pleas'd to do me.

Mrs. Jewkes came in with the Canary brought by Nan, to the Alcove, and some Cake on a Silver Salver; and I faid, Mrs. Fewkes, let me be your Affistance: I will ferve the Ladies with the Cake. And fo I took the Salver, and went round to the good Company with it, ending with my Master. The Lady Jones said, fhe never was ferv'd with fuch a Grace, and it was giving me too much Trouble. O Madam, faid I, I hope my good Master's Favour will never make me forget that it is my Duty to wait upon his Friends.— Master, sweet one, said Sir Simon, I hope you won't always call the 'Squire by that Name, for fear it should become a Fashion for all our Ladies to do the like thro' the County. I, Sir, faid I, shall have many Reasons to continue this Style, which cannot affect your good Ladies.

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Example as yours.

They all were very good and affable, and the young Lady Darnford, who had wish'd to see me in this Dress. faid, I beg your Pardon, dear Miss, as she call'd me; but I had heard how fweetly this Garb became you, and was told the History of it; and I begg'd it as a Favour that you might oblige us with your Appearance in it. I am much oblig'd to your Ladyship, said I, that your kind Prescription was so agreeable to my Choice. Why, faid she, was it your Choice then?—I am glad of that: Tho' I am fure your Person must give and not take Ornament from any Dress.

You are very kind, Madam, faid I: But there will be the less Reason to fear I should forget the high Obligations I shall have to the kindest of Gentlemen, when I can delight to shew the humble Degree from which his Goodness has rais'd me.—My dear Pamela, faid my Master, if you proceed at this Rate, I must insist upon your first Seven Days. You know what I mean, Sir, faid I, you are all Goodness!

They drank a Glass of Sack each, and Sir Simon would make me do so; saying, It is a Reflection, Madam, upon all the Ladies, if you don't do as they do. No, Sir Simon, faid I, that can't be, because the Ladies Journey hither makes a Glass of Canary a proper Cordial for them. But I won't refuse; because I will do myfelf the Honour of drinking good Health to you,

and all this worthy Company.

Said good Lady Darnford, to my Master, I hope, Sir, we shall have Mrs. Andrews's Company at Table. He faid, very obligingly, Madam, it is her Time now; and I will leave it to her Choice. If my good Ladies, then, will forgive me, Sir, faid I, I had rather be excused. They all said, I must not be excused. I begg'd I might. Your Reason for it, my dear Pamela, said VOL. II. my

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my Master? as the Ladies request it, I wish you would oblige them. Sir, reply'd I, your Goodness will make me, every Day, worthier of the Honour the Ladies do me; and when I can persuade myself that I am more worthy of it than at present, I shall with great Joy embrace all the Opportunities they will be pleased to give me.

Mrs. Peters whisper'd Lady Jones, as my Master told me afterwards; Did you ever see such Excellence, such Prudence, and Discretion? Never in my Life, said the other good Lady. She will adorn, she was pleas'd to say, her Distinction. Ay, said Mrs. Peters, she

would adorn any Station in Life.

My good Master was highly delighted, generous Gentleman as he is! with the favourable Opinion of the Ladies; and I took the more Pleasure in it, because their Favour seem'd to lessen the Disgrace of his

stooping fo much beneath him.

Lady Darnford said, We will not oppress you; tho' we could almost blame your too punctilious Exactness; but if we excuse Mrs. Androws at Dinner, we must insist upon her Company at the Card-table, and at a Dish of Tea: For we intend to pass the whole Day with you, Sir, as we told you. What say you to that Pamela, said my Master? Sir, reply'd I, whatever you and the Ladies please, I will chearfully do. They said I was very obliging. But Sir Simon rapt out an Oath, and said, that they might dine together if they would; but he would dine with me, and nobody else. For, said he, I say, 'Squire, as Parson Williams said, (by which I found my Master had told them the Story) you must not think you have chosen one that nobody can like but yourself.

The young Ladies faid, If I pleas'd, they would take a Turn about the Garden with me. I answer'd I would very gladly attend them; and so we three, and Lady Jones's Sister-in-law, and Mr. Peters's Niece, walk'd together. They were very affable, kind, and obliging; and we soon enter'd into a good deal of Familiarity; and I sound Miss Darnsord a very agreeable Person. Her Sister was a little more upon the Reserve;

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and I afterwards heard, that, about a Year before, she would fain have had my Master make his Addresses to her; but tho' Sir Simon is reckon'd rich, she was not thought a sufficient Fortune for him. And now, to have him look down so low as me, must be a fort of Mortification to a poor young Lady !- and I pity'd her -Indeed I did !- I wish all young Persons of my Sex

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My Master told me afterwards, that I left the other Ladies, and Sir Simon and Mr. Peters, full of my Praises; so that they could hardly talk of any Thing else; one launching out upon my Complexion, another upon my Eyes, my Hand, and, in short, for you'll think me fadly proud, upon my whole Person, and Behaviour; and they all magnify'd my Readiness and Obligingness in my Answers, and the like: And I was glad of it, as I faid, for my good Master's sake, who seem'd quite pleas'd and rejoic'd. God bless him, for his Goodness to me!

Dinner not being ready, the young Ladies propos'd a Tune upon the Spinnet. I faid, I believ'd it was not in Tune. They faid, they knew it was but a few If it is, faid I, I wish I had known it; Months ago. tho' indeed, Ladies, added I, fince you know my Story, I must own, that my Mind has not been long in Tune, to make use of it. So they would make make me play upon it; and fing to it; which I did, a Song my dear good Lady had learn'd me, and us'd to be pleas'd with, and which she brought with her from Bath. And the Ladies were much taken with the Song, and were so kind as to approve my Performance: And Miss Darnford was pleas'd to compliment me, that I had all the Accomplishments of my Sex. I faid, I had had a good Lady, in my Master's Mother, who had spar'd no Pains nor Cost to improve me. She faid, she wish'd the 'Squire could be prevail'd upon to give a Ball on the approaching happy Occasion, that we might have a Dancing-match, &c.—But I can't fay I do; tho' I did not say so; for these Occasions I think are too solemn for the Principals, at least of our Sex, to take take Part in, especially if they have the same Thoughts of the Solemnity that I have: For indeed, tho' I am in such an enviable Prospect of Happiness, I must own to you, my dear Parents, that I have something very awful upon my Mind, when I think of the Matter, and shall more and more, as it draws nearer and nearer. This is the Song.

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GO, happy Paper, gently steal,
And underneath her Pillow lie;
There, in soft Dreams, my Love reveal,
That Love which I must still conceal,
And, wrapt in awful Silence, die.

II.

To Atoms THOU would'st quickly turn,
My Pains may bear a longer Date;
For should I live, and should she hate,
In endless Torments I should burn.

III.

Tell fair AURELIA, she has Charms, Might in a Hermit stir Desire. T' attain the Heav'n that's in her Arms, I'd quit the World's alluring Harms, And to a Cell, content retire.

IV.

Of all that pleas'd my ravish'd Eye

Her Beauty should supply the Place;

Bold Raphael's Strokes, and Titian's Dye,

Should but in vain presume to vye

With her inimitable Face.

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No more I'd wish for Phæbus' Rays,
To gild the Object of my Sight:
Much less the Taper's fainter Blaze;
Her Eyes should measure out my Days;
And when she slept, it should be Night.

About four o' Clock. My Master just came up to me, and faid, if you should see Mr. Williams below, do you think, Pamela, you should not be surpriz'd? -No, Sir, faid I, I hope not. Why should I? Expect, faid he, a Stranger then, when you come down to us in the Parlour; for the Ladies are preparing themselves for the Card-Table, and they insist upon your Company—You have a mind, Sir, faid I, I believe, to try all my Courage. Why, faid he, does it want Courage to fee him? No, Sir, faid I, not at all. But I was grievously dash'd to see all those strange Ladies and Gentlemen; and now to fee Mr. Williams before them, as some of them refus'd his Application for me, when I wanted to get away, it will a little shock me, to see them smile, in recollecting what has pass'd of that kind. Well, said he, guard your Heart against Surprizes, tho' you shall see, when you come down, a Man that I can allow you to love dearly; tho' hardly preferable to me.

This furprizes me much. I am afraid he begins to be jealous of me. What will become of me, (for he look'd very feriously) if any Turn should happen now!—My Heart aches! I know not what's the Matter. But I will go down as brisk as I can, that nothing may be imputed to me. Yet I wish this Mr. Williams had not been there now when they are all there; because of their Fleers at him and me. Otherwise I should be glad to see the poor Gentleman; for indeed I think him a good Man, and he has suffer'd

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So, I am fent for down to Cards. I'll go; but wish I may continue in their good Opinions of me: For I shall be very aukward. My Master, by his serious Question, and bidding me guard my Heart against Surprizes, tho' I should see, when I came down, a Man he can allow me to love dearly, tho' hardly better than he, has quite alarm'd me, and made me sad!—I hope he loves me!—But whether he does or not, I am in for it now, over Head and Ears, I doubt, and can't help loving him; 'tis a Folly to deny it. But to be fure I cannot love any Man preferably to him. I shall soon know what he means.

Now, my dear Mother, must I write to you. Well might my good Master say so mysteriously as he did, about guarding my Heart against Surprizes. I never was so surprized in my Life; and never could see a Man I lov'd so dearly!—O my dear Mother, it was my dear, dear Father, and not Mr. Williams, that was below ready to receive and to bless your Daughter; and both my Master and he enjoin me to write how the whole Matter was, and what my Thoughts were on this joyful Occasion.

I will take the Matter from the Beginning, that God directed his Feet to this House, to this Time, as I have had it from Mrs. Jewkes, from my Master, my Father, the Ladies, and my own Heart and Conduct, as far as I know of both; because they command it, and you will be pleased with my Relation; and so, as you know how I came by the Connection, will make one

uniform Relation of it.

It feems then, that my dear Father and you were fo uneafy to know the Truth of the Story that Thomas had told you, and fearing I was betrayed, and quite undone, that he got Leave of Absence, and set out the Day after Thomas was there; and so, on Friday Morning, he got to the neighbouring Town; and there he heard, that the Gentry in the Neighbourhood were at my Master's, at a great Entertainment. He put on a clean Shirt and Neck-cloth, that he brought in his Pocket, at an Alehouse there, and got shav'd:

shav'd; and so, after he had eat some Bread and Cheese, and drank a Can of Ale, he set out for my Master's House, with a heavy Heart, dreading for me, and in much Fear of being brow-beaten. He had, it seems, asked, at the Ale-house, what Family the 'Squire had down here, in hopes to hear something of me; and they said, a House-keeper, two Maids, and, at present, two Coachmen, and two Grooms, a Footman, and a Helper. Was that all? he said. They told him, there was a young Creature there, belike, who was, or was to be, his Mistress, or somewhat of that Nature; but had been his Mother's Waitingmaid. This, he said, grieved his Heart, and made out what he fear'd.

So he went on, and, about three o' Clock in the Afternoon, came to the Gate; and ringing there, Sir Simon's Coachman went to the Iron-gate; and he ask'd for the House-keeper; tho' from what I had wrote, in his Heart, he could not abide her. She sent for him in, little thinking who he was, and ask'd him, in the little Hall, what his Business with her was?——Only, Madam, said he, whether I cannot speak one Word with the 'Squire? No, Friend, said she; he is engaged with several Gentlemen and Ladies. Said he, I have Business with his Honour, of greater Consequence to me than either Life or Death; and Tears stood in his Eyes.

At that she went into the great Parlour, where my Master was talking very pleasantly with the Ladies; and she said, Sir, here is a good tight old Man, that wants to see you on Business of Life and Death, he says, and is very earnest. Ay, said he, who can that be!—Let him stay in the little Hall, and I'll come to him presently. They all seem'd to stare; and Sir Simon said, no more nor less, I dare say, my good Friend, but a Bastard Child. If it is, said Lady Jones, bring it in to us. I will, said he.

Mrs. Jewkes tells me, my Master was much surpriz'd, when he saw who it was; and she much more, when my dear Father said,—Good God! give me Patience! but, as great as you are, Sir, I must ask

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This alarm'd my dear Father, and he faid, What! then is she dying? And trembling he could scarce stand. My Master made him sit down, and sat down by him, and said, no, God be prais'd! she is very well; and pray be comforted; I cannot bear to see you thus apprehensive; but she has wrote you a Letter to assure you, that she has Reason to be well satisfied and happy.

Ah! Sir, said he, you told me once she was in London, waiting on a Bistop's Lady, when all the Time she was a severe Prisoner here—Well, that's all over now, Goodman Andrews, said my Master: But the Times are alter'd; for now the sweet Girl has taken me Prisoner; and, in a few Days, I shall put on the

pleasantest Fetters that ever Man wore.

O, Sir, said he, you are too pleasant for my Griefs. My Heart's almost broke. But may I not see my poor Child? You shall presently, said he; for she is coming down to us; and since you won't believe me,

I hope you will her.

I will ask you, good Sir, said he, but one Question till then, that I may know how to look upon her when I see her. Is she honest? Is she virtuous?——As the new-born Babe, Mr. Andrews, said my good Master; and in tweive Days time, I hope, will be

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O flatter me not, good your Honour, said he: It cannot be! It cannot be!—I fear you have deluded her with strange Hopes; and would make me believe Impossibilities!—Mrs. Jewkes, said he, do you tell my dear Pamela's good Father, when I go out, all you know concerning me, and your Mistress that is to be. Mean time make much of him, and set out what you have; and make him drink a Glass of Wine he likes best. If this be Wine, added he, fill me a Bumper.

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She did so; and he took my Father by the Hand, and said, believe me, good Man, and be easy; for I can't bear to see you tortur'd in this cruel Suspense: Your dear Daughter is the beloved of my Soul. I am glad you are come! For you'll see us all in the same Story. And here's your Dame's Health; and God bless you both, for being the happy Means of procuring for me so great a Blessing! And so he drank a Bumper to this most obliging Health.

What do I hear! it cannot furely be! faid my Father. And your Honour is too good, I hope, to mock a poor old Man!—This ugly Story, Sir, of the Bishop, runs in my Head!—But you say, I shall see my dear Child!—And I shall see her honest!—If not, poor as

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My Master bid Mrs. Jewkes not let me know yet, that my Father was come, and went to the Company, and faid, I have been agreeably furpriz'd. Here is honest old Goodman Andrews come full of Grief, to fee his Daughter; for he fears she is seduced; and tells me, good honest Man, that poor as he is, he will not own her, if the be not virtuous. O, faid they all, with one Voice almost, dear Sir! shall we not fee the good old Man you have so praised for his plain good Sense and honest Heart? If, said he, I thought Pamela would not be too much affected with the Surprize, I would make you all Witness to their first Interview; for never did Daughter love a Father, or a Father a Daughter, as they two do one another. Miss Darnford, and all the Ladies and the Gentlemen too, begg'd it might be fo. But was not this very cruel, my dear Mother? For well might they think I should not support myself in such an agreeable Surprize.

He faid, kindly, I have but one Fear, that the dear Girl may be too much affected. O, faid Lady Darnford, we'll all help to keep up her Spirits. Says he, I'll go up and prepare her; but won't tell her of it. So he came up to me, as I have faid, and amus'd me about Mr. Williams, to half prepare me for some Surprize; tho' that could not have been any Thing

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to this. And he left me, as I faid, in that Sufpense, at his mystical Words, saying, he would send to me,

when they were going to Cards.

My Master went from me to my Father, and asked if he had eaten any Thing. No, said Mrs. Jewkes; the good Man's Heart's so full, he cannot eat, nor do any Thing till he has seen his dear Daughter. That shall soon be, said my Master. I will have you come in with me; for she is going to sit down with my Guests, to a Game at Quadrille; and I will send for her down. O, Sir, said my Father, don't, don't let me; I am not sit to appear before your Guests; let me see my Daughter by myself, I beseech you. Said he, they all know your honest Character, Goodman Andrews, and long to see you, for Pamela's Sake.

So he took my Father by the Hand, and led him in, against his Will, to the Company. They were all very good. My Master kindly said, Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you one of the honestest Men in England; my good Pamela's Father. Mr. Peters went to him, and took him by the Hand, and said, we are all glad to see you, Sir; you are the happiest Man in the World in a Daughter, that we never saw before to

Day; but cannot enough admire her.

Said my Master, this Gentleman, Goodman Andrews, is the Minister of the Parish; but is not young enough for Mr. Williams. This cutting Joke, my poor Father said, made him fear, for a Moment, that all was a Jest.-Sir Simon also took him by the Hand, and faid, ay, you have a fweet Daughter, Honesty; we are all in Love with her. And the Ladies came, and faid very fine Things: Lady Darnford particularly, that he might think himself the happiest Man in England, in such a Daughter. If, and please you, Madam, faid he, she be but virtuous, 'tis all in all: For all the rest is Accident. But, I doubt, his Honour has been too much upon the Joke with me. No, faid Mrs. Peters, we are all Witness that he intends very honourably by her. It is some Comfort, faid faid fay f

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They would have had him fit down by them, but he would only fit behind the Door, in the Corner of the Room, so that one could not soon see him, as one came in; because the Door open'd against him, and hid him almost. The Ladies all sat down; and my Master said, desire Mrs. Jewkes to step up; and tell Mrs. Andrews the Ladies wait for her. So down I came.

Miss Darnford rose, and met me at the Door, and said, Well, Miss, we long'd for your Company. I did not see my dear Father; and, it seems, his Heart was too full to speak; and he got up, and sat down three or four Times successively, unable to come to me, or to say any Thing. The Ladies look'd that Way; but I would not, supposing it was Mr. Williams. And they made me sit down between Lady Darnford and Lady Jones; and asked me, what we should play at? I said, at what your Ladyships please. I wonder'd to see them smile, and look upon me, and to that Corner of the Room; but I was asraid of looking that Way, for fear of seeing Mr. Williams; tho' my Face was that Way too, and the Table before me.

Said my Master, did you send your Letter away to the Post-house, my good Girl, for your Father? To be sure Sir, said I, I did not forget that. I took the Liberty to desire Mr. Thomas to carry it. What, said he, I wonder, will the good old Couple say to it? O Sir, said I, your Goodness will be a cordial to their dear honest Hearts! At that, my dear Father, not able to contain himself, nor yet to stir from the Place, gush'd out into a Flood of Tears, which he, good Soul! had been struggling with, it seems; and cry'd

out, O my dear Child!

I knew the Voice, and lifting up my Eyes, and feeing my Father, gave a Spring, overturn'd the Table, without Regard to the Company, and threw myfelf at his Feet, O my Father! my Father! faid I, can it be!—Is it you? Yes, it is! It is! O bless your happy—Daughter! I would have faid, and down I funk.

My Master seem'd concern'd—I fear'd, said he, that the Surprize would be too much for her Spirits; and all the Ladies run to me, and made me drink a Glass of Water; and I found myself incircled in the Arms of my dearest Father.—O tell me, said I, every Thing! How long have you been here? When did you come? How does my honour'd Mother? And half a dozen Questions more, before he could answer one.

They permitted me to retire, with my Father; and then I pour'd forth all my Vows, and Thankf-givings to God for this additional Blessing; and confirm'd all my Master's Goodness to his scarce believing Amazement. And we kneel'd together, blessing God, and blessing one another, for several ecstatick Minutes; and my Master coming in soon after, my dear Father said. O Sir, what a Change is this! may God reward you! may God bless you in this World and the next!

May God bless us all! said he. But how does my sweet Girl! I have been in pain for you!——I am forry I did not apprize you before-hand.

O Sir, fad I, it was you! and all you do must be

good.—But this was a Bleffing fo unexpected!

Well, faid he, you have given pain to all the Company. They will be glad to fee you, when you can; for you have spoiled all their Diversion: And yet painfully delighted them at the same Time. Mr. Andrews, said he, you may make this House your own; and the longer you stay, the more welcome you'll be. After you have a little compos'd yourself, my dear Girl; step in to us again. I am glad to see you so well so seen. And so he left us.

See you, my dear Father, faid I, what Goodness there is in this once naughty Master! O pray for him!

and pray for me, that I may deferve it!

How long has this happy Change been wrought, faid he, my dear Child — O, faid I, feveral happy Days!—I have wrote down every Thing; and you'll fee from the Depth of Misery, what God has done for your happy Daughter!

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Bleffed be his Name! faid he. But do you fay he will marry you! Can it be, that fuch a brave Gentleman will make a Lady of the Child of fuch a poor Man as I? O the Goodness of God! How will your poor dear Mother be able to support these happy Tidings? I will set out to-morrow, to acquaint her with it. For I am but half happy till the dear good Woman shares it with me!—To be sure, my dear Child, we ought to go into some far Country, to hide ourselves, that we may not disgrace you by our Poverty!

O my dear Father, said I, now you are unkind for the first Time. Your Poverty has been my Glory, and my Riches, and I have nothing to brag of, but that I ever thought it an Honour to me, rather than a Disgrace; because you were always so honest, that your Child might well boast of such a Parentage!

In this manner, my dear Mother, did we pass the happy Moments, till Miss Darnford came to me, and said, how do you do, dear Miss? I rejoice to see you well! Pray let us have your Company. And, said she, taking my Father's Hand, and yours too, good Mr. Andrews.

This was very obliging, I told her; and we went to the great Parlour; and my Master took my Father by the Hand, and made him sit down by him, and drink a Glass of Wine with him. Mean-time, I made my Excuses to the Ladies, as well as I could; which they readily granted me. But Sir Simon, after his comical manner, put his Hands on my Shoulders, let me see, let me see, said he, where your Wings grow; for I never saw any body sly like you?——Why, said he, you have broke Lady Jones's Shins with the Table. Shew her else, Madam.

His Pleasantry made them laugh. And I said, I was very forry for my Extravagancy: And if it had not been my Master's Doings, I should have said, it was a Fault to permit me to be so surprized, and put out of myself, before such good Company. They said, all was very excusable; and they were glad I suffer'd no more by it. They were so kind, as to excuse me

at Cards, and play'd by themselves; and I went, by my Master's Command, and sat on the other Side, in the happiest Place I ever was blest with, between two of the dearest Men in the World to me, and each holding one of my Hands; -my Father, every nowand-then, with Tears in his Eyes, bleffing God, and

faying, could I ever have hoped this!

I asked him, if he had been so kind as to bring the Papers with him? He faid he had, and looked at me, as who should say, must I give them to you now?—I faid, be pleased to let me have them. He pulled them from his Pocket; and I stood up, and with my best Duty, gave them into my Master's Hands. He said, thank you, Pamela. Your Father shall take all with him, to fee what a fad Fellow I have been, as well as the present happier Alteration. But I must have them all again, for the Writer's fake.

The Ladies and Gentlemen would make me govern the Tea-table, whatever I could do; and Abraham attended me, to ferve the Company. My Master and my Father fat together, and drank a Glass or two of Wine instead of Tea; and Sir Simon jok'd with my Master, and said, I warrant you would not be such a Woman's Man, as to drink Tea, for ever so much with the Ladies. But your Time's coming, and I doubt

not, you'll be made as conformable as I.

My Master was very urgent with them to stay Supper; and, at last, they comply'd, on Condition that I would grace the Table, as they were pleased to call it. I begg'd to be excus'd. My Master said, Don't be excus'd, Pamela, fince the Ladies defire it. And befides, faid he, we won't part with your Father; and fo you may as well flay with us.

I was in hope my Father and I might sup by ourfelves, or only with Mrs. Jewkes. And Miss Darnford, who is a most obliging young Lady, said, We

will not part with you; indeed we won't.

When Supper was brought in, Lady Darnford took me by the Hand, and faid to my Master, Sir, by your Leave; and would have placed me at the Upperend of the Table. Pray, pray, Madam, faid I, exthe for Tin Le

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Dear, good Sir, faid I, pray don't command it! Let me fit by my Father, pray! Why, faid Sir Simon, here's ado indeed; fit down at the Upper-end, as you should do! and your Father shall sit by you there. This put my dear Father upon Difficulties. And my Master said Come, I'll place you all: And so put Lady Darnford at the Upper-end, Lady Jones, at her Right-hand, and Mrs. Peters on the other; and he placed me between the two young Ladies; but very genteely put Miss Darnford below her younger Sister; faying; Come, Miss, I put you here, because you shall hedge in this little Cuckow; for I take notice, with Pleasure, of your Goodness to her; and besides, all you very young Ladies should fit together. feem'd to have pleas'd both Sifters; for had the youngest Miss been put there, it might have piqu'd her, as Matters had been formerly, to be placed below me; whereas Miss Darnford giving place to her younger Sister, made it less odd she should to me; especially with that handsome Turn of the dear Man, as if I was a Cuckow, and to be hedg'd in.

My Master kindly said, Come, Mr. Andrews, you and I will sit together. And so took his Place at the Bottom of the Table, and set my Father on his Righthand; and Sir Simon would sit on his Lest. For, said he, Parson, I think the Petticoats should sit together; and so do you sit down by that Lady (his Sister.) A boiled Turkey standing by me, my Master said, cut up that Turkey Pamela, if it be not too strong Work for you, that Lady Darnford may not have too much Trouble. So I carv'd it in a Trice, and helped the Ladies. Miss Darnford said, I would give something to be so dextrous a Carver. O Miss, said I, my late good Lady would always make me do these Things, when she entertained her semale Friends; as she used

to do on particular Days.

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Ay, faid my Master, I remember my poor Mother would often fay, if I, or any body at Table, happen'd to be a little out in Carving, I'll fend up for my Pamela, to shew you how to carve. Said Lady Jones, Mrs. Andrews has every Accomplishment of her Sex. She is quite wonderful for her Years. Miss Darnford faid, And I can tell you, Madam, that she plays fweetly upon the Spinnet, and fings as fweetly to it; for the has a fine Voice. Foolish, faid Sir Simon, who, that hears her speak, knows not that? and who, that fees her Fingers, believes not that they were made to touch any Key? O Parson! said he, 'tis well you're by, or I should have had a Blush from the Ladies. hope not, Sir Simon, said Lady Jones; for a Gentleman of your Politeness, would not say any thing that would make Ladies blufh.—No, no, faid he, for the World: But if I had, it would have been as the Poet fays,

They blush, because they Understand.

When the Company went away, Lady Darnford, Lady Jones and Mrs. Peters, severally invited my Master, and me with him, to their Houses; and begg'd he would permit me, at least, to come before we left these Parts. And they faid, We hope, when the happy Knot is ty'd, you will induce the Squire to refide more among us. We were always glad, faid Lady Darnford, when he was here; but now shall have double Reason. O what grateful things were these to the Ears of my good Father!

When the Company was gone, my Master ask'd my Father, if he smoak'd; he said, No. He made us both fit down by him; and he faid, I have been telling this fweet Girl, that in Fourteen Days, and two of them are gone, she must fix on me, to make me happy: And have left it to her to chuse either one of the first or the last Seven. My Father held up his Hands and Eyes; God bless your Honour said he, is all I can fay! Now Pamela, faid my Master, taking my Hand, don't let a little wrong-timed Bashfulness

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take place, without any other Reason, because I should be glad to go to Bedfordsbire as foon as I could; and I would not return till I carry my Servants there a Mistress, who should assist me to repair the Mischiess she has made in it.

I could not look up for Confusion. And my Father faid, My dear Child, I need not, I am fure, prompt your Obedience in whatever will most oblige so good a Master. What says my Pamela? said my Master. She does not use to be at a Loss for Expression. Sir, faid I, were I too fudden, it would look as if I doubted whether you would hold in your Mind, and was not willing to give you Time for Reflection. otherwise, to be sure, I ought to refign myself im-

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Said he, I want not time for Reflection: For I have often told you, and that long ago, I could not live without you. And my Pride of Condition made me both tempt and terrify you to other Terms; but your Virtue was proof against all Temptation, and was not to be aw'd by Terrors: Wherefore, as I could not conquer my Passion for you, I corrected my felf, and resolved fince you would not be mine upon my Terms, you should upon your own: And now I defire you not on any other, I affure you. And, I think, the sooner it is done, the better. What fay you Mr. Andrews? Sir, faid he, there is so much Goodness of your Side, and blessed be God! so much Prudence of my Daughter's, that I must be quite filent. But when it is done, I and my poor Wife, shall have nothing to do, but to pray for you both, and to look back with Wonder and Joy on the Ways of Providence.

This, faid my Master, is Friday Night: and suppose, my Girl, it be next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday Morning—Say, my Pamela.

Will you, Sir, faid I, excuse me till to-morrow for an Answer?——I will faid he. And he touch'd the Bell, and call'd for Mrs. Jewkes. Where, said he, does Mr. Andrews lie to-night? You'll take care of him? He's a very good Man; and will bring!
Blessing upon every House he sets his Foot in.

My dear Father wept for Joy; and I could not refrain keeping him Company. And my Master saluting me, bid us Good-night, and retir'd. And I waited upon my dear Father, and was so sull of Prattle, of my Master's Goodness, and my suture Prospects, that I believed afterwards I was turned all into Tongue. But he indulged me, and was transported with Joy; and went to Bed, and dreamt of nothing but Jacob's Ladder, and Angels ascending and descending, to bless him, and his Daughter.

SATURDAY.

Rose up early in the Morning; but sound my Father was up before me, and was gone to walk in the Garden. I went to him: And with what Delight, with what Thankfulness, did we go over every Scene of it, that had before been so dreadful to me! The Fish-pond, the Back-door, and every Place: O what Reason had we for Thankfulness and Gratitude!

About Seven o'Clock, my good Master join'd us, in his Morning-gown and Slippers; and looking a little heavy, I said, Sir, I fear you had not good Rest last Night. That is your Fault, Pamela, said he: After I went from you, I must needs look into your Papers, and could not leave them till I had read them thro'; and fo 'twas Three o'Clock before I went to fleep. I wish, Sir, said I, you had had better Entertainment. The worst Part of it, said he, was what I had brought upon myself; and you have not spar'd me. Sir, said I-He interrupting me, said, Well I forgive you. You had too much Reason for it. But I find, plain enough, that if you had got away, you would foon have been Williams's Wife: And I can't fee how it could well have been otherwife. Indeed, Sir, faid I, I have no Notion of it, or of being any body's. I believe so, said he; but it must have come on as a Thing of Course; and I

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fee your Father was for it. Sir, faid he, I little thought of the Honour your Goodness would confer upon her; and I thought that would be a Match above what we could do for her, a great deal. But when I found she was not for it, I resolved not to urge her; but leave all to God's Grace, and her own Prudence.

I fee, faid he, all was fincere, honest, and open; and I speak of it, if it had been done, as a thing that could hardly well be avoided; and I am quite fatisfied. But faid he, I must observe, as I have an hundred Times with Admiration, what a prodigious Memory, and easy and happy Manner of Narration this excellent Girl has! and tho' she is full of her pretty Tricks and Artifices, to escape the Snares L had laid for her, yet all is innocent, lovely, and uniformly beautiful. You are exceeding happy in a Daughter; and, I hope, I shall be so in a Wife-Or, faid my Father, may she not have that Honour! -I fear it not, faid he; and hope I shall deserve it of her.

But, Pamela, faid my Master, I am forry to find, in some Parts of your Journal, that Mrs. Jewkes carry'd her Orders a little too far. And I the more take notice of it, because you have not complain'd to me of her Behaviour, as she might have expected for some Parts of it. Though a good deal was occasion'd by my strict Orders. -- But she had the Insolence to strike my Girl! I find. Sir, said I, I was a little provoking, I believe; but as we forgave one another, I was the less intitled to complain of

Well, faid he, you are very good; but if you have any particular Refentment, I will indulge it so far, as that she shall hereafter have nothing to do where you are. Sir, said I, you are so kind, that I ought to forgive every Body; and when I fee that God has brought about my Happiness by the very Means that I thought then my great Grievance; I ought to bless those Means, and forgive all that was disagreeable to me at the Time, for the great Good that has

issued from it, That, said he, and kissed me, is fweetly confider'd! and it shall be my Part to make you amends for what you have fuffered, that you may still think lighter of the one, and have Cause to rejoice in the other.

My dear Father's Heart was full; and he faid, with his Hands folded, and lifted up, Pray, Sir let me go, -let me go, -to my dear Wife! and tell her all these blessed things, while my Heart holds! for it is ready to burst with Joy! Good Man! said my Master,—I love to hear this honest Heart of yours fpeaking at your Lips. I injoin you Pamela, to continue your Relation, as you have Opportunity; and tho' your Father be here, write to your Mother, that this wondrous Story be perfect, and we, your Friends, may read and admire you more and more. Ay, pray, pray do, my dear Child, faid my Father. And this is the Reason that I write on, my dear Mother, when I thought not to do it, because my Father could tell you all that passed while he was

My Master took notice of my Psalm, and was pleas'd to commend it; and faid, That I had very charitably turn'd the last Verses, which, in the Original, was full of heavy Curfes, to a Wish, that shew'd I was not of an implacable Disposition; tho' my then Usage might have accused it, if I had. But, said he, I think you shall fing it to me to morrow.

After we have breakfasted, added he, if you have no Objection, Pamela, we'll take an Airing together; and it shall be in the Coach, because we'll have your Father's Company. He would have excus'd himfelf; but my Master would have it so. But he was much ashamed, because he was not in a Dress for my Master's

Company.

My Master would make us both breakfast with him, on Chocolate; and he faid, I would have you, Pamela, begin to dress as you used to do; for now, at least, you may call your two other Bundles your own; and if you want any thing against the approaching Occasion, private, as I design it, I'll send to Lin-

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Lady's Bounty, and his own, had fet me much above my Degree, and I had very good things of all Sorts; and I did not defire any other, because I would not excite the Censure of the Ladies. That would be a different thing he was pleased to say, when he publickly own'd his Nuptials, after we came to the other House. But at present, if I was satisfied, he would not make Words with me.

I hope, Mr. Andrews faid he to my Father, you'll not leave us till you see the Affair over, and then you'll be fure I mean honourably; and besides, Pamela will be induced to set the Day sooner. O Sir, said he, I bless God, I have no Reason to doubt your meaning honourably; and I hope you'll excuse me, if I set out on Monday Morning, very early, to my dear Wise, and make her as happy as I am.

Why, Pamela, faid my good Master, may it not be perform'd on Tuesday, and then your Father, may be, will stay?——I should have been glad to have had it to-morrow, added he; but I have sent Monsieur Colbrand for a Licence, that you may have no Scruple unanswer'd; and he can't very well be back before to-morrow Night, or Monday Morning.

This was most agreeable News. I said, Sir, I know my dear Father will want to be at home. And as you was so good to give to me a Fortnight from last Thursday, I should be glad you'll be pleased to indulge me with some Day in the second Seven. Well, said he, I will not be too urgent; but the soner you six, the better. Mr. Andrews, we must leave something to these Jephtha's Daughters, in these Cases, he was pleased to say; I suppose the little bashful Folly, which, in the happiest Circumstances, may give a kind of Regret to quit the Maiden State, and an Aukwardness at the Entrance of a new the, is a Reason with Pamela; and so she shall name her Day, Sir, said he, you are all Goodness.

I went up soon after, and new dres'd myself, taking Possession, in a happy Moment, I hope, of my two Bundles, as my good Master was pleased to call them, (alluding to my former Division of those good things my Lady and himself bestow'd upon me) and so put on fine Linen, silk Shoes, and fine white Cotton Stockings, a fine quilted Coat, a delicate green mantua silk Gown and Coat; a French Necklace, and a lac'd Head, and Handkerchief, and clean Gloves; and taking my Fan in my Hand, I, like a little proud Hussy, looked in the Glass, and thought myself a Gentlewoman once more; but I forgot not to thank God, for being able to put on this Dress with so much Comfort.

Mrs. Jewkes would help to dress me, and complimented me highly, faying, among other things, that now I looked like her Lady indeed! And as, the faid, the little Chappel was ready, and Divine Service would be read in it to-morrow, she wished the happy Knot might then be ty'd. Said she, Have you not feen the Chappel, Madam, fince it has been cleaned out?——No, faid I; but are we to have Service in it to-morrow, do you fay ?—I am glad of that; for I have been a fad Heathen lately, fore against my Will!—But who is to officiate?—Somebody, reply'd she, Mr. Peters will send. You tell me very good News, faid I, Mrs. Jewkes. I hope it will never be a Lumber-room again.—Ay, faid she, I can tell you more good News; for the two Miss Darnford's, and Lady Jones, are to be here at the Opening of it; and will stay and dine with you, My Master, said I, has not told me that. You must alter your Stile, Madam, faid she. It must not be Master, now, sure !-O, return'd I, that is a Language I shall never forget. He shall always be my Master; and I shall think myself more and more his Servant.

My poor Father did not know I went up to dress myself; and he faid, his Heart misgave him, when he saw me first, for fear I was made a Fool of, and that here was some sine Lady that was to be my Master's

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Master's true Wise. And he stood in Admiration, and said, O, my dear Child, how well will you become your happy Condition! Why you look like a Lady already!—I hope, my dear Father, said I, and boldly kissed him, I shall always be your dutiful Daughter, whatever my Condition be.

My Master sent me word he was ready; and when he saw me, said, Dress as you will, Pamela, you're a charming Girl; and so handed me to the Coach, and would make my Father and me sit both on the Foreside; and sat backwards, over-against me; and bid the Coachman drive to the Meadow; that is, where

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The Conversation was most agreeable to me, and to my dear Father, as he went; and he more and more exceeded in Goodness and Generosity; and, while I was gone up to dress, he had presented my Father with twenty Guineas; desiring him to buy himself and my Mother such Apparel, as they should think proper; and lay it all out: But I knew not this till after that we came home; my Father having no Opportunity to tell me of it.

He was pleased to tell me of the Chappel being got in tolerable Order; and faid, it look'd very well; and against he came down next, it should be all new white-wash'd, and painted, and lin'd; and a new Pulpit-cloth, Cushion, Desk, &c. and that it should always be kept in order for the future. He told me, the two Miss Darnford's, and Lady Jones, would dine with him on Sunday: And with their Servants and mine, faid he, we shall make a tolerable little Congregation. And, added he, have I not well contriv'd, to shew you, that the Chappel is really a little House of God, and has been consecrated, before we solemnize our Nuptials in it? O, Sir, reply'd I, your Goodness to me is inexpressible! Mr. Peters, said he, offer'd to come and officiate in it; but would not stay to dine with me, because he has Company at his own House; and so I intend that Divine Service shall be perform'd in it, by one to whom I shall make some yearly Allowance, as a fort of Chaplain.—You look ferious, Pamela, added he; I know you think of your Friend Williams. Indeed, Sir, faid I, if you won't be angry, I did. Poor Man! I am forry I have been the Cause of his dif-

obliging you.

When we came to the Meadow, where the Gentry have their Walk, fometimes, the Coach stopt, and my Master alighted, and led me to the Brookfide; and it is a very pretty Summer Walk. He asked my Father if he chose to walk out, or go on in the Coach, to the further End. He, poor Man, chose to go in the Coach, for fear, he said, any Gentry should be walking there; and he told me, he was most of the way upon his Knees, in the Coach, thanking God for his gracious Mercies and Goodness; and begging a Blessing upon my good Master and me.

I was quite aftonish'd, when we came into the shady Walk, to see Mr. Williams there. See there, said my Master, there's poor Williams, taking his solitary Walk again, with his Book. And it seems it was so contriv'd; for Mr. Peters had been, as I since find, desir'd to tell him, to be in that Walk at such an Hour in the Morning.

So, old Acquaintance, faid my Master, again have I met you in this Place? What Book are you now reading? He said, it was Boileau's Lutrin. Said my Master, You see I have brought with me my little Fugitive, that would have been: While you are perfecting yourself in French, I am trying to learn English;

and hope foon to be Master of it.

Mine, Sir, faid he, is a very beautiful Piece of

French: But your English has no equal.

You are very polite, Mr. Williams, faid my Mafler. And he that does not think as you do, deferves no Share in her. Why, Pamela, added he, very generously, why so strange, where you have once been so familiar? I do assure you both, that I mean not, by this Interview, to insult Mr. Williams, or confuse you. Then I said, Mr. Williams, I am very glad to see you well; and tho' the generous Favour

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of my good Master has happily changed the Scene, fince you and I last saw one another, I am nevertheless very glad of an Opportunity to acknowledge, with Gratitude, your good Intentions, not so much to serve me, as me, but as a Person that then had great Reason to believe herself in Distress. And, I hope, Sir, added I, to my Master, your Goodness will permit me to say this.

You, Pamela, said he, may make what Acknow-ledgments you please to Mr. Williams's good Intentions; and I would have you speak as you think; but I do not apprehend myself to be quite so much oblig'd

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Sir, faid Mr. Williams, I beg leave to fay, I knew well, that, by Education, you was no Libertine; nor had I Reason to think you so by Inclination; and when you came to reflect, I hoped you would not be displeased with me. And this was no small Motive to me, at first, to do as I did.

Ay, but, Mr. Williams, faid my Master, could you think, that I should have had Reason to thank you, if, above all her Sex, I loved one Person, and you had robbed me of her, and marry'd her yourfelf? And then, faid he, you are to confider, that she was of long Acquaintance with me, and a quite new one to you; that I had fent her down to my own House, for better securing her; and that you, who had Accels to my House, could not effect your Purpose, without being guilty, in some fort, of a Breach of the Laws of Hospitality and Friendship. As to my Defigns upon her, I own they had not the best Appearance; but still I was not answerable to Mr. Williams on that Score; much less could you be excus'd, to invade a Property so very dear to me, and to endeavour to gain an Interest in her Affections, tho' you could not be certain, that Matters would not turn out as they have actually done.

I own, said he, that some Parts of my Conduct seem exceptionable, as you state it. But, Sir, I am but a young Man. I meant no Harm. I had no Interest, I am sure, to incur your Displeasure; and

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when you think of every thing, and the inimitable Graces of Person, and Persections of Mind, that adorn this excellent Lady, (so he called me) you will, perhaps, find your Generosity allow something as an Extenuation of a Fault, which your Anger would not

permit as an Excuse.

I have done, said my Master; nor did I meet you here to be angry with you. Pamela knew not that she should see you; and now you are both present, I would ask you, Mr. Williams, If, now you know my honourable Designs towards this good Girl, you can really be almost, I will not say quite, as well pleased with the Friendship of my Wife, as you could be

with the Favour of Mrs. Andrews?

Sir, faid he, I will answer you truly. I think I could have preferr'd, with her, any Condition that could have befallen me, had I consider'd only my-felf. But, Sir, I was very far from having any Encouragement to expect her Favour; and I had much more Reason to believe, that if she could have hoped for your Goodness, her Heart was too much pre-engaged, to think of any body else. And give me Leave surther to say, Sir, That tho' I tell you sincerely my Thoughts, were I only to consider mysfelf; yet when I consider her Good, and her Merit, I should be highly ungenerous, were it put to my Choice, if I could not wish her in a Condition so much superior to what I could do for her, and so very answerable to her Merit.

Pamela, said my Master, you are obliged to Mr. Williams, and ought to thank him: He has distinguished well. But as for me, who had like to have lost you by his means, I am glad the Matter was not lest to his Choice. Mr. Williams, said he, I give you Pamela's Hand, because I know it will be pleasing to her, in Token of her Friendship and Esteem for you; and I give you mine, that I will not be your Enemy. But yet I must say, that I think I owe this proper Manner of your Thinking more to your Disappointment, than

to the Generosity you talk of.

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Mr. Williams kissed my Hand, as my Master gave it him; and my Master said, Sir, you will go home and dine with me, and I'll shew you my little Chappel; and do you, Pamela, look upon yourself at Liberty to number Mr. Williams in the List of your Friends.

How generous, how noble was this! Mr. Williams (and so had I) had Tears of Pleasure, in his Eyes. I was filent; but Mr. Williams said, Sir, I shall be taught, by your Generosity, to think myself inexcusably wrong, in every Step I took, that could give you Offence; and my suture Life shall shew my respectful Gratitude.

We walked on till we came to the Coach, where was my dear Father. Pamela, said my Master, tell Mr. Williams, who that good Man is. O, Mr. Williams! said I, it is my dear Father; And, my Master was pleased to say, one of the honestest Men in England. Pamela owes every thing that she is to be, as well as her Being, to him; for, I think, she would not have brought me to this, nor made so great Resistance, but for the good Lessons, and religious Education she imbib'd from him.

Mr. Williams said, taking my Father's Haud, You see, good Mr. Andrews, with inexpressible Pleasure, the Fruits of your pious Care; and now are in a way with your beloved Daughter, to reap the happy Effects of it.—I am overcome, said my dear Father, with his Honour's Goodness. But I can only say, I bless God, and bless bim.

Mr. Williams and I being nearer the Coach than my Master; and he offering to draw back, to give way to him, he kindly said, Pray Mr. Williams, oblige Pamela with your Hand; and step in yourself. He bow'd, and took my Hand, and my Master made him step in, and sit next me, all that ever he could do, and sat himself over-against him, next my Father, who sat against me.

And he faid, Mr. Andrews, I told you Yesterday, that the Divine you saw, was not Mr. Williams; I now tell you, this Gentleman is: And tho' I have D 2

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you.

Sir, faid Mr. Williams, you have a way of overcoming, that hardly all my Reading affords an Instance of the like; and it is the more noble, as it is on this Side, as I presume, the happy Ceremony; which, great as your Fortune is, will lay you under an Obligation to so much Virtue and Beauty, when she becomes yours; for you will then have a Treasure that Princes might envy.

Said my generous Master, (God bless him!) Mr. Williams, it is impossible that you and I should long live at Variance, when our Sentiments agree so well

together, on Subjects the most material.

I was quite confused; and my Master seeing it, took my Hand, and said, Look up, my good Girl! and collect yourself.——Don't injure Mr. Williams and me so much, as to think we are capping Compliments as we used to do Verses, at School. I dare answer for us both, that we say not a Syllable we don't think.

O, Sir, faid I, how unequal am I to all this Goodness! Every Moment that passes, adds to the Weight

of the Obligations you oppress me with.

Think not too much of that, said he, most generously. Mr. Williams's Compliments to you have great Advantage of mine: For tho' equally sincere, I have a great deal to say, and to do, to compensate the sufferings I have made you undergo; and, at last, must sit down distatissied, because those will never be

aton'd by all I can do for you.

He saw my dear Father quite unable to support these affecting Instances of his Goodness; and he let go my Hand, and took his, and said, seeing his Tears, I wonder not, my dear Pamela's Father, that your honest Heart springs thus to your Eyes, to see all her Trials at an End. I will not pretend to say, that I had formerly either Power or Will to act thus. But since I began to resolve on the Change you see, I have reav'd

reap'd so much Pleasure in it, that my own Interest will keep me steady. For, till within these few Days, I

knew not what it was to be happy.

Poor Mr. Williams, with Tears of Joy in his Eyes, faid; How happily, Sir, have you been touched by the Divine Grace, before you have been hurried into the Commission of Sins, that the deepest Penitence could hardly have aton'd for !—God has enabled you to stop short of the Evil; and you have nothing to do, but to rejoice in the Good, which now will be doubly so, because you can receive it without the least inward

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You do well, faid he, to remind me, that I owe all this to the Grace of God. I bless Him for it: and I thank this good Man for his excellent Lessons. I thank his dear Daughter for following them: And, I hope, from ber good Example, and your Friendship, Mr. Williams, in time, to be half as good as my Tutoress. And, that, said he, I believe you'll own, will make me, without Disparagement to any Gentleman, the best Fox-hunter in England.—Mr. Williams was going to speak: And he said, you put on so grave a Look, Mr. Williams, that, I believe, what I have said, with you practical good Folks, is liable to Exception: But I see we were become quite grave; and we must not be too serious neither.

What a happy Creature, my dear Mother, is your Pamela!—O may my thankful Heart, and the good Use I may be enabled to make of the Blessings before me, be a Means to continue this deligh sul Prospect to a long Date, for the sake of the dear good Gentleman, who thus becomes the happy Instrument, in the Hands of Providence, to bless all he smiles upon! To be sure, I shall never enough acknowledge the Value he is pleased to express for my Unworthiness, in that he has prevented my Wishes, and, unask'd, sought the Occasion of being reconciled to a good Man, who, for my sake, had incurred his Ditpleasure; and whose Name he could not, a few Days before, permit to pass thro' my Lips: But see the wonderful

derful Ways of Providence! The very things that I most dreaded his seeing or knowing, the Contents of my Papers, have, as I hope, satisfy'd all his Scruples.

and been a Means to promote my Happiness.

Henceforth let not us poor short-sighted Mortals pretend to rely on our own Wisdom; or vainly think, that we are absolutely to direct for ourselves. abundant Reason, I am sure, to say, that when I was most disappointed, I was nearer my Happiness. For, had I made my Escape, which was so often my chief Point of View, and what I had placed my Heart upon, I had escaped the Blessings now before me, and fallen, perhaps headlong, into the Miseries I would have avoided! And yet, after all, it was neceffary I should take the Steps I did, to bring on this wonderful Turn! O the unfearchable Wisdom of God!-And how much ought I to adore the Divine Goodness, and humble myself, who am made a poor instrument, as, I hope, not only to magnify his Graciousness, to this fine Gentleman and myself; but to dispense Benefits to others? Which God of his Mercy grant!

In the agreeable manner I have mentioned, did we pass the Time in our second happy Tour; and I thought Mrs. Jewkes would have sunk into the Ground, when she saw Mr. Williams brought in the Coach with us, and treated so kindly. We dined together in a most pleasant, and easy, and frank manner; and I found I needed not, from my Master's Generosity, to be under any Restraint, as to my Conduct to this good Clergyman; for he, so often as he fancy'd I was reserv'd, mov'd me to be free with him, and to him; and several times called upon me to help my Father and Mr. Williams; and seem'd to take great Deslight in seeing me carve and help round, as indeed he does in every thing I do.

After Dinner we went and looked into the Chappel; which is a very pretty one, and very decent; and when finish'd, as he designs it, against his next coming

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My Heart, my dear Mother, when I first set my Foot in it, throbb'd a good deal, with awful Joy, at the Thoughts of the Solemnity, which, I hope, will be, in a few Days, performed here. And when I came up towards the little pretty Altar-piece, while they were looking at a Communion picture, and faying it was prettily done, I gently stept into a Corner, out of Sight, and poured out my Soul to God, on my Knees, in Thankfulness and Supplication, that, after having been so long absent from Divine Service, the first time that I enter'd into a House dedicated to His Honour, should be with such blessed Prospects before me; and begging of God to continue me humble, and to make me not unworthy of his Mercies; and that he would be pleased to bless the next Author of it, my good Master.

I heard my Master say, Where's Pamela? And so I broke off sooner than I would, and went up to him.

He faid, Mr. Williams, I hope I have not so offended you, by my Conduct past, (for really it is what I ought to be ashamed of) as that you will refuse to officiate, and to give us your Instructions here to-morrow. Mr. Peters was so kind, for the first time, to offer it; but I know it would be inconvenient for him; and besides, I was willing to make this Request to

you an Introduction to our Reconciliation.

Sir, faid he, most willingly, and most gratefully will I obey you. Tho', if you expect a Discourse, I am wholly unprepar'd for the Occasion. I would not have it, reply'd he, pointed to any particular Occasion; but if you have one upon the Text,—There is more Joy in Heaven over one Sinner that repentetly, than over Ninety-nine just Persons that need not Repentance; and if it makes me not such a sad Fellow as to be pointed at by mine and the Ladies Servants we shall have here, I shall be well content. 'Tis a general Subject, added he, makes me speak of that; but any one you please will do; for you cannot make a bad Choice, I am sure.

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Sir, faid he, I have one upon that Text; but I was ready to think, that a Thanksgiving one, which I made on a great Mercy to myself, if I may be permitted to make my own Acknowledgments of your Favour the Subject of a Discourse, will be suitable to my grateful Sentiments. It is on the Text,—Now lettest thou thy Servant depart in Peace; for my Eyes bave seen thy Salvation.

That Text, said I, will be a very suitable one for me. Not so, Pamela, said my Master; because I don't let you depart in Peace; but I hope you will stay

bere with Content.

O but, Sir, faid I, I have feen God's Salvation!—
I am fure, added I, if any body ever had Reason, I have, to fay, with the blessed Virgin, My Soul doth magnify the Lord; for he hath regarded the low Estate of his Handmaiden,—and exalted one of low Degree.

Said my good Father, I am sure, if there were Time for it, the Book of Ruth would afford a fine Subject

for the Honour done to my dear Child.

Why, good Mr. Andrews, faid my Master, should you say so?—I know that Story, and Mr. Williams will confirm what I say, that my good Girl here will confer at least as much Honour as she will receive.

Sir, faid I, you are inexpressibly generous; but I shall never think so. Why, my Pamela, said he, that's another thing: It will be best for me to think you will; and it will be kind in you to think you shan't; and then we shall have always an excellent Rule to regulate our Conduct by to one another.

Was not this finely, nobly, wifely faid, my dear Mother?—O what a bleffed thing it is to be match'd to a Man of Sense and Generosity!—How edifying!—How!—But what shall I say!—I am at a Loss

for Words.

Mr. Williams said, When we came out of the little Chappel, he would go home, and look over his Discouries, for one for the next Day. My Master said, I

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have one thing to fay, before you go-When my Jealoufy, on Account of this good Girl, put me upon fuch a vindictive Conduct to you, you know I took a Bond for the Money I had caused you to be troubled for: I really am ashamed of the Matter; because I never intended, when I presented it to you, to have it again, you may be fure: But I knew not what might happen between you and her, nor how far Matters might have gone between you; and fo I was willing to have that in Awe over you. And, I think, it is no extraordinary Present, therefore, to give you up your Bond again, cancell'd. And so he took it from his Pocket, and gave it him. I think, added he, all the Charges attending it, and the Trouble you had, were defray'd by my Attorney: I order'd that they should. were, Sir, faid he; and Ten thousand Thanks to you for this Goodness, and the kind manner in which you do it !—If you will go, Mr. Williams, said he, shall my Chariot carry you home? No, Sir, answer'd he, I thank you. My Time will be fo well employ'd all the way in thinking of your Favours, that I chuse to meditate upon them, as I walk home.

My dear Father was very uneasy about his Habit, for appearing at Chappel next Day, because of Miss Darnford, and the Servants, for fear, poor Man, he should disgrace my Master; and he told me, when he was mentioning this, my Master's kind Present of Twenty Guineas for Cloaths, for you both; which made my Heart truly joyful. But Oh! to be sure, I never can deserve the hundredth Part of his Goodness!—It is almost a hard thing to lie under the Weight of such deep Obligations on one side; and such a Sense of one's own Unworthiness of the other!—O! what a Godlike Power is that of doing Good!—I envy the Rich and the Great for nothing else!

My Master coming to us just then, I said, Oh! Sir, will your Bounty know no Limits! My dear Father has told me what you have given him!—A Trisse, Pamela, said he; a little Earnest only of my Kindness.—Say no more of it. But did I not hear the D;

good Man expressing some sort of Concern for some what? Hide nothing from Pamela. Only, Sir, said I, he knew not how to absent himself from Divine Service, and yet is assaid of disgracing you by ap-

pearing.

Fie, Mr. Andrews, faid he, I thought you knew that the outward Appearance was nothing. I wish I had as good a Habit inwardly, as you have. But I'll tell you, Pamela, your Father is not much thinner than I am, nor much shorter; he and I will walk up together to my Wardrobe; tho' it is not so well stor'd here, as in Bedfordsbire.

And so, said he, pleasantly. Don't you pretend to come near us, till I call you; for you must not yet see how Men dress and undress themselves. O, Sir, said my Father, I beg to be excused. I am forry you are told. So am not I, said my Master: Pray come along

with me.

He carry'd him up Stairs, and shew'd him several Suits; and would have had him take his Choice. My poor Father was quite confounded: For my Mather faw not any he thought too good, and my Father none that he thought bad enough. And my good Master, at last, (he fixing his Eye upon a fine Drab, which he thought looked the plainest) would help him to try the Coat and Waistcoat on himself; and indeed, one would not have thought it, because my Master is taller, and rather plumper, as I thought; but, as I faw afterwards, they fitted him very well: And being plain, and lined with the fame Colour, and made for travelling in a Coach, pleased my poor Father much. He gave him the whole Suit, and calling up Mrs. Jewkes, said, Let these Cloaths be well aired against to-morrow Morning. Mr. Andrews brought only with him his common Apparel, not thinking to flay Sunday with us. And pray see for some of my Stockings; and whether none of my Shoes will fit him; and see also for some of my Linen; for we have put the good Man quite out of his Courfe, by keeping him Sunday over. He was then pleased to give him the filver Buckles out of his own Shoes. So, my good Mother, ne

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Wig, faid my Master, he wants none; for his own venerable white Locks are better than all the Perukes in England.—But I am sure I have Hats enow somewhere. I'll take care of every thing, Sir, said Mrs. Jewkes —And my poor Father, when he came to me, could not refrain Tears. I know not how, said he, to comport myself under these great Favours: O my Child, it is all owing to God's Goodness, and your Virtue.

SUNDAY.

HIS bleffed Day all the Family feem'd to take Delight to equip themselves for the Celebration of the Sabbath, in the little Chappel; and Lady Jones and Mr. Williams came in her Chariot, and the two Miss Darnfords, in their own; with each a Footman, besides the Coachman. And we breakfasted together, in a most agreeable manner. My dear Father appeared quite spruce and neat, and was greatly carefied by the three Ladies. As we were at Breakfast, my Master told Mr. Williams, we must let the Psalms alone, he doubted, for want of a Clerk; but Mr. Williams said, No, nothing should be wanting that he could supply. My Father faid, if it might be permitted him, he would, as well as he was able, perform that Office; for it was always what he had taken Delight in. And as I know he had learnt Pfalmody formerly, in his Youth, and had constantly practised it in private, at home, of Sunday Evenings, (as well as endeavour'd to teach it in the little School he so unsuccessfully set up, at the Beginning of his Misfortunes, before he took to hard Labour) I was in no Pain for his undertaking it in this little Congregation. They feemed much pleafed with this; and so we went to Chappel, and made a pretty tolerable Appearance; Mrs. Jewkes, and all the Servants attending, but the Cook; and I never faw Divine Service perform'd with more Solemnity, nor affisted at with greater Devotion and Decency;

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my Master, Lady Jones, and the two Misses, setting

a lovely Example.

My good Father perform'd his Part with great Applause, making the Responses as if he had been a practised Parish Clerk; and giving the * xxiiid Psalm, which consisting of but three Stanzas, we had it all; and he read the Line, and began the Tune with a Heart so entirely affected with the Duty, that he went thro' it distinctly, calmly, and fervently at the same Time; so that Lady Jones whisper'd me, that good Men were sit for all Companies, and present to every laudable Occasion; and Miss Darnford said, God

* THE Lord is only my Support,
And he that doth me feed:
How can I then lack any Thing,
Whereof I fland in need?
In Pastures green he feedeth me,
Where I do safely lie;
And after leads me to the Streams,
Which run most pleasantly.

And when I find myself 'near lost,
Then home he doth me take;
Conducting me in his right Path,
Ew'n for his own Name's sake.
And tho' I were e'en at Death's Door,
Yet would I fear no II:
For both thy Rod, and Shepherd's Crook,
Afford me Comfort still.

Thou hast my Table richly spread
In Presence of my Foe,
Thou hast my Head with Balm refresh'd;
My Cup doth overstow.
And finally, while breath doth last,
Thy Grace shall me defend:
And in the House of God will I
My Life for ever spend.

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I know, my dear Mother, you can say most of the shorter Psalms by Heart; so I need not transcribe it, especially as your chief Treasure is a Bible; and a worthy Treasure it is. I know nobody makes more or better Use of it.

Mr. Williams gave us an excellent Discourse on Liberality and Generosity, and the Blessing attending the right Use of Riches, from the xith Chapter of Proverbs, ver. 24, 25. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that witholdeth more than is meet; but it tendeth to Poverty. The liberal Soul shall be made fat: And he that watereth, shall be watered also himself. And he treated the Subject in so handsome a manner, that my Master's Delicacy, who, at such offended, he judiciously keeping to Generals: and it was an elegant and sensible Discourse, as my Master said.

My Father was, as in the Clerk's Place, just under the Desk; and Lady Jones beckon'd her Footman, and whisper'd him to beg him to favour us with another Psalm, when the Sermon was ended, he, thinking, as he said afterwards, that the former was rather of the longest, chose the shortest in the Book; which, you know, is the cxviith *.

My Master thanked Mr. Williams for his excellent Discourse, and so did the Ladies; as also I did, most heartily, and he was pleased to take my dear Father

For great his Kindness is to us; His Truth doth not decay: Wherefore praise ye the Lord our God; Praise ye the Lord alway.

All ye Nations of the World,
Praise ye the Lord always:
And all ye People ev'ry where
Set forth his noble Praise.

by the Hand, as Mr. Williams also did, and thanked him. The Ladies also made him their kind Compliments; and the Servants all looked upon him with

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Countenances full of Respect and Pleasure.

At Dinner, do what I could, I was forced to take the upper End of the Table; and my Master sat at the lower End, between Mr. Williams and my Father. And he said, Pamela, you are so dextrous, that I think you may help the Ladies yourself; and I will help my two good Friends. I should have told you tho, that I dressed myself in a slower'd Satten, that was my Lady's, and look'd quite fresh and good, and which was given me at first by my Master; and the Ladies, who had not seen me out of my homespun before, made me abundance of sine Compliments, as soon as they saw me first.

Talking of the Pfalms, just after Dinner, my Master was very naughty, if I may say so: For he said to my Father, Mr. Andrews, I think, in the Asternoon, as we shall have only Prayers, we may have one longer Psalm; and what think you of the exxxviith—O good Sir! said I, pray, pray, not a Word more!—Say what you will, Pamela, said he, you shall sing it to us, according to your own Version, before these good Ladies go away. My Father smil'd, but was half concern'd for me; and said, will it bear, and please your Honour?—O ay, said he, never fear it;

fo long as Mrs. Jewkes is not in the Hearing.

This excited all the Ladies Curiofity; and Lady Jones faid, she should be loth to desire to hear any Thing that would concern me; but should be glad I would give Leave for it. Indeed, Madam, said I, I must beg you won't insist upon it. I cannot bear it.—You shall see it indeed, Ladies, said my Master; and pray, Pamela, not always as you please, neither.—Then, pray Sir, said I, not in my hearing, I hope.—Sure, Pamela, return'd he, you would not write what is not sit to be heard!—But, Sir, said I, there are particular Cases, Times, and Occasions, that may make a Thing passable at one Time, that would not be tolerable at another. O, said he, let me judge

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of that, as well as you, Pamela. The Ladies know a good Part of your Story; and let me tell you, what they know is more to your Credit than mine; so that if I have no Averseness to reviving the Occasion, you may very well bear it. Said he, I will put you out of your pain, Pamela; I believe I put it in my Pocket on purpose.

I stood up, and said, indeed, Sir, I cannot bear it! I hope you'll allow me to leave the Room a Minute, if you will read it. Indeed, but I won't, answered he. Lady Jones said, pray good Sir, don't let us hear it, if Mrs. Andrews be so unwilling. Well, Pamela, said my Master, I will put it to your Choice, whether I shall read it now, or you will sing it by-and-by. That's very hard, Sir, said I. It must be one, I assure you, said he. Why then, Sir, reply'd I, you must do as you please; for I cannot sing it.

Well, then, said my Master, I find I must read it; and yet, added he, after all, I had as well let it alone; for it is no great Reputation to myself. O then, said Miss Darnford, pray let us hear it to chuse.

Why then, proceeded he, the Case was this: Pamela, I find, when she was in the Time of her Confinement, (that is, added he, when she was taken Prifoner, in order to make me one; for that is the Upshot of the Matter) in the Journal she kept, which was intended for nobody's Perusal but her Parents, tells them, that she was importuned, on Sunday, by Mrs. Jewkes, to fing a Pfalm; but her Spirits not permitting, she declin'd it : But after Mrs. Jewkes was gone down, the fays, the recollected, that the cxxxviith Psalm was applicable to her own Case; Mrs. Jewkes having often, on other Days, in vain, befought her to fing a Song. That thereupon she turn'd it more to her own supposed Case; and believing Mrs. Jewkes had a Defign against her Honour, and looking upon her as her Goaler, she thus gives her Version of this But pray, Mr. Williams, do you read one Verse of the common Translation, and I will read one of Pamela's. Then Mr. Williams pulling out his his little Pocket Common-prayer Book, read the first two Stanzas.

I.

W HEN we did sit in Babylon,
The Rivers round about:
Then in Remembrance of Sion,
The Tears for Grief burst out.

II.

We hang'd our Harps and Instruments The Willow-trees upon: For in that Place Men, for that Use, Had planted many one.

My Master then read:

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WHEN fad, I fat in B—n-hall,
All watched round about;
And thought of every absent Friend,
The Tears for Grief burst out.

II.

My Joys, and Hopes, all owerthrown,
My Heart-strings almost broke:
Unsit my Mind for Melody,
Much more to bear a Joke.

The Ladies faid, it was very pretty; and Miss Darnford, that somebody else had well observ'd, that I had need to be less concerned than themselves.

I knew, faid my Master, I should get no Credit by shewing this. But let us read on, Mr. Williams. So Mr. Williams read;

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Then they, to whom we Pris'ners were, Said to us tauntingly; Now let us hear your Hebrew Songs, And pleasant Melody.

Now this, faid my Master, is very near: and read;

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Then she, to whom I Pris'ner was, Said to me tauntingly; Now chear your Heart, and sing a Song, And tune your Mind to Joy.

Mighty sweet, said Mr. Williams. But let us see how the next Verse is turn'd. It is this:

IV:

Alas! said we, who can once frame His heavy Heart to sing The Praises of our loving God, Thus under a strange King?

Why, faid my Master, it is turn'd with beautiful Simplicity, thus:

IV.

Alas! said I, how can I frame
My heavy Heart to sing,
Or tune my Mind, while thus enthrall'd
By such a wicked Thing?

Very pretty, faid Mr. Williams. Lady Jones faid, O dear Madam, can you wish that we should be depriv'd of this new instance of your Genius and Accomplishments?

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O! faid my dear Father, you will make my good Child proud. No, faid my Master, very generously, Pamela can't be proud. For no one is proud to hear themselves prais'd, but those who are not us'd to it,—But proceed, Mr. Williams. He read;

V.
But yet, if I Jerusalem
Out of my Heart let slide;
Then let my Fingers quite forget
The warbling Harp to guide.

Well, now, faid my Master, for Pamela's Version!

But, yet, if from my Innocence I, even in Thought, should slide; Then let my Fingers quite forget The fweet Spinnet to guide.

Mr. Williams read;

VI.

And let my Tongue within my Mouth,
Be ty'd for ever fast,

Be ty'd for ever fast, If I rejoice before I see Thy full Deliv'rance past.

This also, said my Master, is very near.

VI.

And let my Tongue, within my Mouth,
Be lock'd for ever fast,
If I rejoice, before I see
My full Deliv'rance past.

Now, good Sir, said I, oblige me; don't read any further: Pray don't! O pray, Madam, said Mr. Williams, let me beg to have the rest read; for I long

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to know who you make the Sons of Edom, and how you turn the Pfalmist's Execuations against the infulting Babylonians.

Well, Mr. Williams, reply'd I, you should not have said so. O, said my Master, that is one of the best Things of all. Poor Mrs. Jewkes stands for Edom's Sons; and we must not lose this, because I think it one of my Pamela's Excellencies, that tho' thus oppress'd, she prays for no Harm upon the Oppressor. Read, Mr. Williams, the next Stanza. So he read;

VII.

Therefore, O Lord, remember now The cursed Noise and Cry, That Edom's Sons against us made, When they raz'd our City.

VIII.

Remember, Lord, their cruel Words, When with a mighty Sound, They cried, down, yea, down with it, Unto the very Ground.

Well, faid my Master, here seems, in what I am going to read, a fittle Bit of a Curse indeed; but I think it makes no ill Figure in the Comparison.

VII.

And thon, Almighty! recompense
The Ewils I endure,
From those who seek my sad Disgrace,
So causeless! to procure.

And now, faid he, for Edom's Sons! Tho' a little fevere in the Imputation.

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Remember, Lord, this Mrs. Jewkes, When with a mighty Sound, She cries, down with her Chastity, Down to the very Ground!

Sure, Sir, faid I, this might have been spar'd! But the Ladies and Mr. Williams said, No, by no means! And I see the poor wicked Woman has no Favourers among them.

Now, faid my Master, read the Psalmist's heavy

Curses: And Mr. Williams read;

IX.

Ev'n so shalt thou, O Babylon!
At length to Dust be brought:
And happy shall that Man be call'd,
That our Revenge hath verought.

X.

Yea, bleffed shall that Man be call d, That takes thy little ones, And dasheth them in pieces small Against the very Stones.

Thus, faid he, very kindly, has my Pamela turn'd these Lines.

IX.

Ev'n so shalt thou, O wicked one, At length to Shame be brought: And happy shall all those be call'd, That my Deliv'rance wrought.

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I fancy this bleffed Man, faid my Master, smiling, was at that Time, hoped to be you, Mr. Williams, if the Truth was known. Sir, said he, whoever it was intended for then, it can be nobody but your good self now.

I could hardly hold up my Head for the Praises the kind Ladies were pleased to heap upon me. I am sure, by this, they are very partial in my Favour; all because my Master is so good to me, and loves to hear me praised; for I see no such Excellence in these Lines, as they would make me believe, besides what is borrow'd from the Psalmist.

We all, as before, and the Cook-maid too, attended the Prayers of the Church in the Afternoon; and my dear Father concluded with the following Stanzas of the cxlvth Pfalm; fuitably magnifying the holy Name of God for all his Mercies; but did not observe altogether the Method in which they stand; which was the ies necessary, he thought, as he gave out the Lines.

T HE Lord is just in all his Ways;
His Works are holy all:
And he is near all those that do
In Truth upon him call.

He the Defires of all of them
That fear him, will fulfil,
And he will hear them when they cry,
And save them all he will.

The Eyes of all do wait on thee; Thou dost them all relieve: And thou to each sufficing Food, In Season due, dost give.

Thou openest thy plenteous Hand, And bounteously dost fill All Things whatever that do live, With Gifts of thy Good-will.

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My thankful Mouth shall gladly speak The Praises of the Lord: All Flesh to praise his holy Name, For ever shall accord.

We walked in the Garden till Tea was ready; and as we went by the Back-door, my Master said to me. Of all the Flowers in the Garden, the Sun-flower is the fairest!-O, Sir, said I, let that be now forgot! Mr. Williams heard him fay fo, and feem'd a little out of Countenance: Whereupon my Master said, I mean not to make you ferious, Mr. Williams; but we fee how strangely things are brought about. I fee other Scenes hereabouts, that, in my Pamela's Dangers, give me more Cause of Concern, than any thing you ever did, should give you. Sir, said, he, you are very generous.

My Master and Mr. Williams afterwards walked together, for a Quarter of an Hour, and talked about general Things, and some scholastick Subjects, and joined us, very well pleased with one another's Conver-

fation.

Lady Jones faid, putting herself on one fide of me, as my Master was of the other. But pray, Sir, when is the happy Time to be? We want it over, that we may have you with us, as long afterwards as you can. Said my Master, I would have it to-morrow or next Day at farthest, if Pamela will: For I have sent for a Licence, and the Messenger will be here to-night, or early in the Morning, I hope. But, added he, pray, Pamela, do not take beyond Thursday. She was pleased to say, Sure it will not be delay'd by you, Madam, more than needs !----Well, faid he, now you are on my Side, I will leave you with her, to fettle it: And, I hope, she will not let little bashful Niceties be important with her; and so he joined the two Misses.

Lady Jones told me, I was to blame, she would take upon her to fay, if I delay'd it a Moment; because she understood Lady Davers was very uneasy at the Prospect that it would be so; and if any thing

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V gent Well, but, faid she, as he now urges you in so genteel and gentlemanly a manner for a shorter Day, I think, if I was in your place, I would agree to it. She saw me hesitate and blush, and said, Well, you know best; but I say only what I would do. I said, I would consider of it; and if I saw he was very earnest, to be sure I should think I ought to oblige him.

Miss Darnfords were begging to be at the Wedding, and to have a Ball: And they said, pray, Mrs. Andrews, second our Requests, and we shall be greatly obliged to you. Indeed, Ladies, said I, I cannot promise that, if I might. Why so? said they.—Because, answer'd I,—I know not what! But I think, one may, with Pleasure, celebrate an Anniversary of one's Nuptials; but the Day itself—Indeed, Ladies, I think it is too solemn a Business, for the Parties of our Sex, to be very gay upon! it is a quite serious and awful Affair: And I am sure, in your own Cases, you would be of my Mind. Why then, said Miss Darnford, the more need one has to be as light hearted and merry as one can.

I told you, faid my Master, what fort of an Answer you'd have from Pamela. The younger Miss said, she never heard of such grave Folks in her Life, on such an Occasion! Why, Sir, said she, I hope you'll sing Psalms all Day, and Miss will said and pray! Such Sackcloth and Ashes Doings, for a Wedding, did I never hear of!——She spoke a little spitefully, I thought; and I return'd no Answer. I shall have enough to do, I reckon, in a-while,

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We went in to Tea, and all the Ladies could prevail upon my Master for, was a Dancing match before he left this Country; but Miss Darnford said, it should then be at their House; for, truly, if she might not be at the Wedding, she would be affronted, and come

no more hither, till we had been there.

When they were gone, my Master would have had my Father stay till the Affair was over; but he begged he might fet out as foon as it was light in the Morn. ing; for, he faid, my Mother would be doubly un. easy at his stay; and he burned with impatience, to let her know all the happy things that had befallen her Daughter. When my Master found him so desirous to go, he called Mr. Thomas, and order'd him to get a particular Bay-horse ready betimes in the Morning, for my Father, and a Portmanteau, to put his Things in; and to attend him a Day's Journey; And if, faid he, Mr. Andrews chuses it, see him sase to his own Home. And, added he, as that Horse will serve you, Mr. Andrews, to ride backwards and forwards, to fee us when we go to Bedfordshire, I make you a present of it, with the Accourrements. And feeing my Father going to speak, he added, I won't be faid Nay. O how good was this!

He also said a great many kind things at Supper time, and gave him all the Papers he had of mine; but desir'd, when he and my Mother had read them, that he would return them to him again. And then he said, so affectionate a Father and Daughter may, perhaps, be glad to be alone together; therefore, remember me to your good Wife, and tell her, it will not be long, I hope, before I see you together, on a Visit to your Daughter, at my other House; and so I wish you good Night, and a good Journey, if you go before I see you; and then he shook Hands, and left my dear Father almost unable to speak, thro' the

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You may believe, my dear Mother, how loth I was to part with my dear Father; and he was also unwilling to part with me; but he was so impatient to see you, and tell you the blessed Tidings, with which his Heart overslow'd, that I could hardly wish to detain him.

Mrs. Jewkes brought two Bottles of Cherry-brandy, and two Bottles of Cinamon-water, and some Cake; and they were put up in the Portmanteau, with my Father's newly presented Cloaths; for he said, he would not, for any thing, be seen in them in his Neighbourhood, till I was actually known, by every body, to be marry'd; nor would he lay out any part of the twenty Guineas till then neither, for sear of Ressections; and then he would consult me as to what he should buy. Well, said I, as you please, my dear Father; and I hope now we shall often have the Pleasure of hearing from one another, without needing any Art or Contrivances.

He faid, he would go to-bed betimes, that he might be up as foon as it was light; and so he took Leave of me, and said he would not love me, if I got up in the Morning to see him go; which would but make us more loth to part, and grieve us both all Day.

Mr. Thomas brought him a Pair of Boots, and told him, he would call him up at peep of Day, and put up every thing over Night; and fo I received his Bleffing and his Prayers, and his kind Promises of procuring the fame from you, my dear Mother, and went up to my Closet with a heavy Heart, and yet a half pleased one, if I may so say; for that, as he must go, he was going to the best of Wives, and with the best of Tidings. But I begg'd he would not work fo hard as he had done; for I was fure my Master would not have given him twenty Guineas for Cloaths, if he had not defigned to do fomething elle for him; and that he should be the less concern'd at receiving Benefits from my good Master, because he, who had so many Persons to employ in his large Vos. II. Possessions. Possessions, could make him serviceable, to an equivalent Degree, without hurting any body else.

He promised me fair; and pray, dear Mother, see he performs. I hope my Master will not see this. For I will not send it you, at present, till I can send you the best of News; and the rather as my dear Father can supply the greatest Part of what I have written, since the Papers he carries you, by his own Observation. So God bless you both! Good-night! And send my Father a safe Journey, and a happy Meeting to you both!

MONDAY.

Colbrand being return'd, my Master came up VI. to me to my Closet, and brought me the Licence. O how my Heart flutter'd at the Sight of it! Now, Pamela, said he, tell me, if you can oblige me with the Day. Your Word is all that's wanting! I made bold to kifs his dear Hand; and tho' unable to look up, faid,—I know not what to fay, Sir, to all your Goodness! I would not, for any Consideration, that you should believe me capable of receiving negligently an Honour, that all the Duty of a long Life, were it to be lent me, will not be sufficient to enable me to be grateful for. I ought to refign myself, in every thing I may or can implicitly to your Will. But -But what? faid he, with a kind impatience!-Why, Sir, faid I, when from last Thursday you mention'd Fourteen Days, I had Reason to think that Term your Choice; and my Heart is so wholly yours, that I am afraid of nothing, but that I may be forwarder than you wish. Impossible, my dear Creature, said he, and folded me in his Arms; impossible! if this be all, " shall be fet about this Moment, and this happy Day shall make you mine !— I'll fend away instantly, faid the dear Gentleman, and was going.

I faid, No, pray, Sir, pray, Sir, hear me!—Indeed it cannot be to day!—Cannot! faid he.—No indeed, Sir! faid I.—And was ready to fink to fee

his generons Impatience! Why flatter'd you then, my fond Heart, faid he, with the Hope that it might!-Sir, faid I, I will tell you what I had thought, if you'll vouchsafe me your Attention. Do then, said he!

I have, Sir, proceeded I, a great Defire, that whenever the Day is, it may be of a Thursday: Of a Thursday my dear Father and Mother were marry'd, and tho' poor, they are a very happy Pair. Of a Thursday your poor Pamela was born: Of a Thursday my dear good Lady took me from my Parents into her Protection: Of a Thursday, Sir, you caus'd me to be carry'd away to this Place, to which I now, by God's Goodness and your Favour owe so amazingly all my present Prospects; and of a Thursday it was, you nam'd to me that Fourteen Days from that, you would confirm my Happiness. Now, Sir, if you please to indulge my superstitious Folly, you will greatly oblige me: I was forry, Sir, for this Reason, when you bid me not defer till the last Day of the Fourteen, that Thursday in next Week, was that last Day.

This Pamela, is a little superstitious, I must needs fay; and I think you should begin now to make another Day in the Week a happy one; as for Example, On a Monday, may you fay, my Father and Mother concluded to be marry'd on the Thursday following. Of a Monday, fo many Years ago, my Mother was preparing all her Matters, to be brought to-bed on the Thursday following. Of a Monday, several Weeks ago, it was that you had but two Days more to stay, till you was carry'd away on Thursday. Monday, I myself, said he, well remember, it was that I wrote you the Letter, that prevail'd on you fo kindly to return to me; and, on the same Day, you did return to my House here; which I hope, my Girl, will be as propitious an Æra as any you have nam'd: And now, lastly, will you say, which will crown the Work; And, on a Monday I was marry'd. --- Come, come, my Dear, added he, Thursday has reigned long enough o' Conscience; let us now set

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O how charmingly was this faid !- And how fweetly

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Indeed, Sir, said I, you rally my Folly very agreeably; but don't let a little Matter stand in the way, when you are so generously obliging in greater! indeed I like Thursday best, if I may chuse.

Well then, faid he, if you can fay, you have a better Reason than this, I will oblige you; else I'll

fend away for the Parfon this Moment!

And to, I protest he was going !- Dear Sirs, how I trembled !- Stay, flay, Sir, faid I: We have a great deal to fay first; I have a deal of filly Prate to trouble you with! Well, fay then, in a Minute, reply'd he, the most material; for all we have to fay may be talk'd of while the Parlon is coming !- O but indeed, and indeed, faid I, it cannot be to-day!-Well then, shall it be to-morrow? faid he.-Why. Sir, if it must not be of a Thursday, you have given fo many pleasant Distinctions for a Monday, that let it then be next Monday! - What! a Week still? faid he. Sir, answer'd I, if you please; for that will be as you injoin'd, within the second Seven Days. Why, Girl, faid he, 'twill be Seven Months till next Monday. Let it, faid he, if not to-morrow, be on Wednesday; I protest I will stay no longer.

Then, Sir, return'd I, please to defer it, however, for one Day more, and it will be my beloved Thursday! If I consent to defer it till then, may I hope, my Pamela, said he, that next Thursday shall certainly be the happy Day?—Yes Sir, said I; and I am sure I

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And yet, my dear Father and Mother, why should I, with fuch a fine Gentleman! And whom I fo dearly love: And so much to my Honour too? But there is fomething greatly awful upon my Mind, in the folemn Circumstance, and a Change of Condition never to be recall'd, tho' all the Prospects are so desirable. And I can but wonder, at the thoughtless Precipitancy with which most young Folks run into this important Change of Life!

So now, my dear Parents, have I been brought to fix so near a Day as next Thursday; and this is Monday. O dear, it makes one out of Breath almost to think of it. This, tho', was a great Cut-off; a whole Week out of ten Days. I hope I am not too forward! I'm fure, if it obliges my dear Maiter, I am justify'd; for he deserves all things of me, in my

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After this, he rode out on Horse-back, attended by Abraham, and did not return till Night. How, by degrees things steal upon one! I thought even this fmall Absence tedious, and the more as we expected him home to Dinner. __ I wish I may not be too fond, and make him indifferent: But yet, my dear Father and Mother, you were always fond of one another, and never indifferent, let the World run as it

When he return'd, he faid, he had had a pleafant Ride, and was led out to a greater Distance than he intended. At Supper he told me, that he had a great mind Mr. Williams should marry us; because, he said, it should shew a thorough Reconciliation of his Part: But, said he, most generously, I am apprehensive on what passed between you, that the poor Man will take it hardly, and as a fort of Infult, which I am not capable of. What fays my Girl?—Do you think he would? I hope not, Sir, faid I: For, as to what he may think, I can't answer; but as to any Reason for his Thoughts, I could. But indeed, Sir, faid I, you have been already fo generous, that he cannot, I think, mittake your Goodnels. He

He then spoke with some Resentment of Lady Davers's Behaviour, and I ask'd, If any thing new had occur'd? Yes, faid he; I have had a Letter deliver'd me from her impertinent Husband, professedly at her Infligation, that amounted to little less than a Piece of infolent Bravery, on supposing I was about to marry you. I was fo provok'd, added he, that after I had read it, I tore it into a hundred Pieces, and scatter'd them in the Air, and bid the Man who brought it, let his Master know what I had done with his Letter; and so would not permit him to speak to me, as he would fain have done. I think the Fellow talk'd fomewhat of his Lady coming hither; but she thall not fet her Foot within my Doors; and I suppose this Treatment will hinder her.

I was much concern'd at this: And he faid, Had I an hundred Sifters, Pamela, their Opposition should have no Weight with me; and I did not intend you should know it; but you can't but expect a little Difficulty from the Pride of my Sifter, who have fuffer'd fo much from that of her Brother; and we are too nearly ally'd in Mind as well as Blood, I find. --- But this is not her Business. And if she would have made it fo, she should have done it with more Decency. Little Occasion had she to boast of her Birth, that knows not what belongs to good Man-

I faid, I am very forry Sir, to be the unhappy Occasion of a Misunderstanding between so good a Brother, and so worthy a Sister. Don't say so, Pamela, because this is an indispensable Consequence of the happy Prospect before us. Only, bear it well yourself, because she is my Sister, and leave it to me to make her sensible of her own Rashness.

If, Sir, faid I, the most lowly Behaviour, and humble Deportment, and in every thing shewing a dutiful Regard to good Lady Davers, will have any Weight with her Ladyship, assure yourself of all in my Power to mollify her. No, Pamela, return'd he, don't imagine when you are my Wife, I will fuffer

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You are inexpressibly good, Sir, said I; but I am far from taking a gentle Disposition, to shew a Meanness of Spirit: And this is a Trial I ought to expect; and well I may bear it, that have so many Benefits to set against it, which all spring from the same Cause.

Well, faid he, all the Matter shall be this: We will talk of our Marriage as a Thing to be done next Week. I find I have Spies upon me where-ever I go, and whatever I do. But now, I am on so laudable a Pursuit, that I value them not, nor their Employers. I have already order'd my Servants to communicate with nobody for ten or twelve Days to come. Mrs Jewkes tells me, every one names Thursday come Sev'night for our Nuptials. So I will get Mr. Peters, who wants to fee my little Chappel, to affift Mr. Williams, under the Notion of breakfasting with me, next Thursday Morning, since you won't have it fooner; and there will want nobody elfe; and I will beg of Mr. Peters to keep it private, even from his own Family, for a few Days. Has my Girl any Objections ?

O Sir, answer'd I, you are so generous in all your Ways, I can have no Objections!—But I hope Lady Davers and you will not proceed to irreconcileable Lengths; and when her Ladyship comes to see you, and to tarry with you, two or three Weeks, as she us'd to do, I will keep close up, so as not to disgust her with my Sight. Well, Pamela, faid he, we will talk of that afterwards. You must do then as I shall think fit: And I shall be able to judge what both you and I ought to do. But what still aggravates the Matter is, that the should Instigate the titled Ape her Husband to write to me, after she had so little succeeded herself. wish I had kept his Letter, that I might shew you how a Man that acts generally like a Fool, can take upon him to write like a Lord. But I suppose it is of my

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Sister's Penning, and he, poor Man, is the humble Copier.

TUESDAY.

R. Thomas is return'd from you, my dear Father, with the good News of your Health, and continuing your Journey to my dear Mother, where I hope to hear foon you are arriv'd. My Master has just now been making me play upon the Spinnet, and singing to it; and was pleas'd to commend me for both. Buthe does so for every thing I do, so partial does his Goodness make him to me.

One o' Clock.

E are just return'd from an Airing in the Chariot and I have been an Airing in the Char riot; and I have been delighted with his Conversation upon English Authors, Poets particularly. He entertain'd me also with a Description of some of the Curiofities he had feen in Italy and France, when he made what the polite World call the grand Tour. He faid, he wanted to be at his other Seat; for he knew not well how to employ himself here, having not purpos'd to stay half the Time: And when I get there, Pamela, faid he, you will hardly be troubled with fo much of my Company, after we are fettled; for I have a great many things to adjust; and I must go to London: For I have Accounts that have run longer than ordinary with my Banker there. And I don't know, added he, but the enfuing Winter, I may give you a little Taste of the Diversions of the Town for a Month or fo. I faid, his Will and Pleasure should determine mine; and I never would, as near as I could, have a Defire after those, or any other Things that were not in his own Choice.

He was pleas'd to fay, I make no doubt I shall be very happy in you; and hope you will be so in me: For, said he, I have no very enormous Vices to gratify; tho' I pretend not to the greatest Purity neither, my Girl. Sir, said I, if you can account to your own Mind,

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her, own ind, Mind, I shall always be easy in whatever you do. But our greatest Happiness here, Sir, continued I, is of very short Duration; and this Life, where longest, is a poor transitory Stage; and I hope we shall be so happy as to be enabled to look forward, with Comfort, to one another, where our Pleasures will be everlasting.

You say well, Pamela, and I shall by degrees, be more habituated to this way of Thinking, as I more and more converse with you; but at present, you must not be over serious with me, all at once. Tho' I charge you, never sorbear to mingle your sweet Divinity in your Conversation, whenever it can be brought in à propos, and with such a chearfulness of Temper, as shall not throw a gloomy Cloud over our innocent Enjoyments.

I was abash'd at this, and silent, fearing I had offended; but he said if you attend rightly to what I said, I need not tell you again, Pamela, not to be discourag'd from suggesting to me, on every proper Occasion, the pious Impulses of your own amiable Mind. Sir, said I, you will be always indulgent, I make no doubt, to my Impersections, so long as I mean well.

My Master made me dine with him, and would eat nothing but what I help'd him to; and my Heart is, every Hour, more and more inlarg'd with his Goodness and Condescension. But still what ails me, I wonder! a strange fort of weight hangs upon my Mind, as Thursday draws on, which makes me often sigh involuntarily, and damps, at times, the Pleasures of my delightful Prospects!—I hope this is not ominous; but only the foolish Weakness of an overthoughtful Mind, on an Occasion the most solemn and important of one's Life, next to the last Scene, which shuts up all.

I could be very ferious! But I will commit all my Ways to that bleffed Providence, which hitherto has so wonderfully conducted me, thro' real Evils, to this hopeful Situation.

I only fear, and fure, I have great Reason that I shall be too unworthy, to hold the Affections of so dear

dear a Gentleman! God teach me Humility, and to know my own Demerit! And this will be, next to his Grace, my furest Guard, in the State of Life to which I am most unworthily going to be exalted. And don't cease your Prayers for me, my dear Parents; for, perhaps, this new Condition may be subject to still worse Hazards than those I have escap'd; as would be the Case, were Conceitedness, Vanity, and Pride, to take hold of my frail Heart! and if I was, for my Sins, to be lest to my own Conduct, a frail Ship in a tempestuous Ocean, without Ballast, or other Pilate than my own inconsiderate Will. But my Master said, on another Occasion, that those who doubted most, always erred least; and I hope, I shall always doubt my own Strength, my own Worthiness!

I will not trouble you with twenty fweet agreeable things, that passed in Conversation with my excellent Benefactor; nor with the Civilities of Mr. Colbrand, Mrs. Jewkes, and all the Servants, who feem to be highly pleas'd with me, and with my Conduct to them: And, as my Master, hitherto, finds no Fault that I go too low, nor they that I carry it too high, I hope I shall continue to have every body's Good will. But yet, will I not feek to gain any one's by little Meannesses or Debasements; but aim at an uniform and regular Conduct, willing to conceal involuntary Errors, as I would have my own forgiven, and not too industrious to discover real ones, or to hide such, if any fuch should appear, as might encourage bad Hearts, or unclean Hands, in material Cases, where my Master should receive Damage, or where the Mora's of the Transgressors, should appear wilfully and habitually corrupt. In short, I will endeavour, as much as I can, that a good Servant shall in me find a kind Encourager; an indifferent one be made better, by inspiring them with a laudable Emulation; and a bad one, if not too bad in Nature, and quite irreclaimalle, reform'd by Kindness, Expostulation, and even proper Menaces, if necessary, but most by a good Example. All this, if God pleases.

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Day, between me and the most solemn Rite that can be perform'd. My heart cannot yet shake off this heavy Weight. Sure I am ingrateful to God's Goodness, and the Favour of the best of Benefactors:—Yet I hope I am not!—For at times, my Mind is all Exultation, with the Prospect of what Good to-morrow's happy Solemnity may possibly, by Leave of my generous Master, put it in my Power to do. O how shall I find Words to express, as I ought, my Thankfulness, for all the Mercies before me!—

WEDNESDAY Evening.

Y dear Master is all Love and Tenderness! He M fees my Weakness, and he generously pities and comforts me! I begg'd to be excus'd Supper; but he brought me down himself from my Closet; and plac'd me by him, bidding Abraham not wait. I could not eat, and yet I try'd, for fear he should be angry. He kindly forbore to hint any thing of the dreadful, yet delightful to-morrow! and put, nowand-then, a little bit on my Plate, and guided it to my Mouth. I was concern'd to receive his Goodness with fo ill a Grace. Well, faid he, if you won't eat with me, drink at least, with me: I drank two Glaffes by his Over perfuafions, and faid, I am really asham d of myself. Why, indeed, said he, my dear Girl, I am not a very dreadful Enemy, I hope! I cannot bear any thing that is the least concerning to you. Oh! Sir, faid I, all is owing to the Sense I have of my own Unworthiness!—To be fure, it cannot be any thing elfe.

He rung for the Things to be taken away! And then reach'd a Chair, and fat down by me, and put his kind Arms about me, and faid the most generous and affecting Things that ever dropt from the Honey-

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flowing Mouth of Love! All I have not time to repeat. Some I will! and oh! indulge your foolish Daughter, who troubles you with her weak Nonfense; because, what she has to say is so affecting to her; and because if she went to-bed, instead of scrib-

ling, she cannot sleep.

This fweet Confusion and Thoughtfulness in my belov'd Pamela, said the kind Man, on the near Profipect of our happy Union, when I hope all Doubts are clear'd up, and nothing of Dishonour is apprehended, shew me most abundantly, what a Wretch I was to attempt fuch Purity with a worse Intention! no wonder, that one fo virtuous, should find herself deserted of Life itself, on a Violence so dreadful to her Honour, and refuge herfelf in the Shadow of Death.— But now my dearest Pamela, that you have seen a Purity on my Side, as nearly imitating your own, as our Sex can shew to yours; and that I have, all the Day long suppres'd even the least Intimation of the coming Day, that I might not alarm your tender Mind; why all this Concern, why all this affecting, yet sweet Consusion! You have a generous Friend, my dear Girl, in me! a Protector now, not a Violater of your Innocence! Why then, once more I ask, this strange Perplexity, this sweet Confusion?

O Sir, said I, and hid my Face in his Arms! expect not Reason from a soolish Creature! You should have still indulg'd me in my Closet!——I am ready to beat myself for this ungrateful Return to your Goodness But I know not what!——I am, to be sure, a silly Creature. O had you suffer'd me to stay by myself above, I should have made myself asham'd of so culpable a Behaviour!—But Goodness added to Goodness every Moment, and the Sense of my own

Unworthiness, quite consound me!

Now, faid the generous Man, will I, tho' reluctantly, make a Proposal to my sweet Girl——If I have been too pressing for the Day: If another Day will still be more obliging: If you have Fears that will not then be, you shall say but the Word, and I'll

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submit. Yes, tho' I have, my Pamela, for these three Days past, thought every tedious Hour a Day; till Thursday comes, if you earnestly desire it, I will postpone it. Say my dear Girl, freely say; but accept not my Proposal, without great Reason; which yet I will not ask for.

Sir, faid I, I can expect nothing but superlative Goodness, I have now been so long us'd to it from you. This is a most generous Instance of it; but, I fear—yes, I fear, it will be but too much the same thing, some Days hence, when the happy, yet, Fool that I am! dreaded Time, shall be equally near!—

Kind, lovely Charmer, faid he, now do I fee you are to be trusted with Power, from the generous Use you make of it!—Not one offensive Word, or Look from me, shall wound your nicest Thoughts; but pray try to subdue this Over-scrupulousness, and unseasonable Timidity. I persuade myself you will if

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Indeed, Sir, I will, faid I; for I am quite asham'd of myself, with all these lovely Prospects before me!—The Honours you do me, the Kindness you fhew me! I cannot forgive myself! For oh! if I know the least of this idle foolish Heart of mine, it has not a misgiving Thought of your Goodness, and I should abhor it, if it were capable of the least Affectation. But, dear good Sir, leave me a little to myself, and I will take myself to severer Tasks than your Goodness will let you do! And I will present my Heart before you, a worthier Offering to you, than at present its wayward Follies will let it seem to be.-But one thing is, one has no kind Friend of one's own Sex, to communicate one's foolish Thoughts to, and to be strengthened by their Comfortings!——But I am left to myfelf, and oh! what a weak filly Thing I am!

He kindly withdrew, to give me Time to recollect myself, and in about half an Hour return'd. And then, that he might not begin at once upon the Subject, and say at the same time something agreeable to me, faid, Your Father and Mother have had a great deal of Talk by this Time, about you, Pamela. O. Sir, return'd I, your Goodness has made them quite But I can't help being concern'd about Lady happy. Davers.

He faid, I am vex'd I did not hear the Footman out; because it runs in my Head, and he talk'd some. what about her coming hither. She will meet with but an indifferent Reception from me, with. out she comes resolv'd to behave better than she

Pray, Sir, faid I, be pleas'd to bear with my good Lady, for two Reasons. What are they, said he? Why first, Sir, answer'd I, Because she is your Sister, and, to be fure, may very well think, what all the World will, that you have much demean'd yourfelf in making me happy. And, next, because, if her Lady. ship finds you out of Temper with her, it will still aggravate her more against me; and every time that any warm Words you may use between you, come into her Mind, she will disdain me more.

Don't concern yourself about it, said he; for we have more proud Ladies than she in our other Neighbourhood, who, perhaps, have still less Reason to be punctilious about their Descent, and yet will form themselves upon her Example, and say, why, his own Sifter will not forgive him, nor vifit him! And foif! can subdue her Spirit, which is more than her Husband ever cou'd, or indeed any body elfe, it is a great Point gain'd: And, if the gives me Reason, I'll try for it, I

affure you.

Well, but my dear Girl, continu'd he, fince the Subject is so important, may I not say one Word about tomorrow?—Sir, faid I, I hope I shall be less a Fool: I have talk'd as harshly to my Heart, as Lady Daven can do, and the naughty Thing suggests to me a better and more grateful Behaviour.

He smil'd, and kissing me said, I took Notice, Pamela, of what you observ'd, that you have none of your own Sex with you: I think it is a little hard upon you; and I should have lik'd you should have

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had Miss Darnford; but then her Sister must have been ask'd; and I might as well make a publick Wedding; which, you know, would have requir'd Cloaths. and other Preparations. Besides, added he, a soolish Proposal was once made me of that second Sister. who has two or three thousand Pounds more than the other, left her by a Godmother, and she can't help being a little piqu'd; tho' faid he, it was a Propofal they could not expect should succeed; for there is nothing in her Person nor Mind; and her Fortune, as that must have been the only Inducement, would not do by any means; and fo I discourag'd it at once.

I am thinking, Sir, faid I, of another mortifying Thing too; that were you to marry a Lady of Birth and Fortune, answerable to your own, all the Eve to the Day, would be taken up in reading, figning and fealing of Settlements, and Portion, and fuch like. But now the poor Pamela brings you nothing at all ! And the very Cloaths she wears, so very low is she. are entirely the Effects of your Bounty, and that of your good Mother! This makes me a little fad!-For, alas! Sir, I am so much oppressed by your Fayours, and the Sense of the Obligations I owe you, that I cannot look up with the Confidence that I otherwile should, on this awful Occasion.

There is, my dear Pamela, said he, where the Power is wanting, as much Generosity in the Will as in the Action. To all that know your Story and your Merit, it will appear, that I cannot recompense you for what I have made you suffer. You have had too many hard Struggles and Exercises; and have nobly overcome; and who shall grudge you the Reward of the hard bought Victory?—This Affair is so much the act of my own Will, that I glory in being capable of distinguishing so much Excellence; and my Fortune is the more pleasurable to me, as it gives me Hope that I may make you some part of Satisfaction for what you have undergone.

This, Sir, faid I, is all Goodness, unmerited on my Side; and makes my Obligations the greater! 1 can only wish for more Worthiness!—But how poor is it to offer nothing but Words for such generous Deeds!—And to say, I wish!——For what is a Wish, but the acknowledg'd want of Power to oblige! And a Demonstration of one's Poverty, in every

Thing but Will?

And that, my dear Girl, faid he, is every Thing! 'Tis all I want! 'Tis all that God himself requires of us; for where there is a Will, the Actions must be govern'd by it, or it cannot be called a Will: But no more of these little Doubts, tho' they are the natural Impulses of a generous and grateful Heart. not to be employ'd in fettlements: That is for those to regard, who make Convenience and Fortune the prime Confiderations. I have Possessions ample enough for us both; and you deferve to share them with me; and you shall do it, with as little Reserve, as if you had brought me what the World reckons an Equivalent: For, as to my own Opinion, you bring me what is infinitely more valuable, an experienc'd Truth, a well try'd Virtue, and a Wit and Behaviour more than equal to the Station you will be placed in: To fay nothing of this fweet Person, that itself might captivate a Monarch; and of the Meekness of a Temper, and Sweetness of Disposition, which make you superior to all the Women I ever faw.

Thus kind and foothing, and honourably affectionate was the dear Gentleman, to the unworthy, doubting, yet affured Pamela; and thus patiently did he indulge, and generously pardon, my impertinent Weakness. He offered to go himself to Lady Jones, in the Morning, and reveal the matter to her, and defire her Secrecy and Presence; but I said, that would disoblige the young Lady Darnford. No, Sir, said I, I will cast myself upon your generous Kindness; for why should I fear the Kind Protector of my Weakness, and the Guide and Director of my

future Steps ?

You cannot, faid he, forgive Mrs. Jewkes; for the must know it; and suffer her to be with you? Yes, Sir, said I, I can; She is very civil to me now:

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Well, faid he, I will call her in, if you please!-As you please, Sir, faid I. And he rung for her, and when she came in, he said, Mrs. Jewkes, I am going to intrust you with a Secret. Sir, answer'd the, I will be fure to keep it as fuch. Why faid he, we intend to morrow, as privately as possible, for our Wedding-day; and Mr. Peters and Mr. Williams are to be here, to breakfait with me, and to shew Mr. Peters my little Chappel. As foon as the Ceremony is over, we will take a little airing in the Chariot, as we have done at other Times; and so it will not be wonder'd that we are dress'd. And the two Parsons have promis'd Secrecy, and will go home. I believe you can't well avoid letting one of the Maids into the Secret; but that I leave to you.

Sir, reply'd she, we all concluded it would be in a few Days; and I doubt it won't be long a Secret. No, faid he, I don't defire it should; but you know we are not provided for a publick Wedding, and I shall declare it when we go to Bedfordsbire, which won't be long. But the Men who lie in the Outhouses, need not know it; for by some means or

other, my Sister Davers knows all that passes.

Do you know, Sir, faid she, that her Ladyship intends to be down here with you, in a few Days? Her Servant told me so, who brought you the Letter you was angry at. I hope, faid he, we shall be set out for t'other House first; and shall be pleased she loses her Labour. Sir, continu'd she, her Ladyship propoles to be here time enough to hinder your Nuptials; which she, as well as we did, takes will be the latter End of next Week. Well, faid he, let her come; but yet I desire not to see her.

Mrs Jewkes faid to me, give me leave, Madam, to with you all manner of Happiness. But I am afraid I have too well obey'd his Honour, to be forgiven by you. Indeed Mrs. Jewkes, return'd I, you will

be more your own Enemy than I will be. I will look all forward: And shall not presume, so much as by a Whisper, to set my good Master against any one he pleases to approve of. And, as to his old Servants, I shall always value them, and never offer to dictate to his Choice, or influence it by my own Caprices.

Mrs. Jewkes, faid my Master, you find you have no Cause to apprehend any Thing. My Pamela is very placable; and as we both have been Sinners together, we must be both included in one Act of

Grace.

Such an Example of Condescension, as I have before me, Mrs. Fewkes, said I, may make you very easy; for I must be highly unworthy, if I did not forego all my little Resentments, if I had any, for the sake of so much Goodness to myself.

You are very kind, Madam, faid she; and you may depend upon it, I will atone for all my Faults, by my future Duty and Respect to you, as well as to

my Master.

That's well faid on both Sides, faid he; but, Mrs. Fewkes, to affure you that my good Girl here has no Malice, fhe chuses you to attend her in the Morning, at the Ceremony, and you must keep up her Spirits.—

I shall, reply'd she, be very proud of the Honour: But I cannot, Madam, but wonder to see you so very low-spirited, as you have been these two or three Days

past, with so much Happiness before you.

Why, Mrs. Jewkes answer'd I, there can be but one Reason given; and that is, that I am a sad Fool!—But, indeed, I am not ingrateful neither; nor would I put on a soolish Assectation: But my Heart, at times, sinks within me; I know not why, except at my own Unworthiness, and because the Honour done me is too high for me to support myself under, as I should do. It is an Honour, Mrs. Jewkes, added I, I was not born to; and no wonder then, I behave so aukwardly. She made me a sine Compliment upon it, and withdrew, repeating her Promises of Care, Secrecy, &c.

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He parted with me, with infinite Tenderness; and I came up, and set to writing, to amuse my Thoughts, and wrote thus far. And Mrs. Jewkes being come up, and it being past twelve, I will go to bed; but not one Wink, I fear, shall I get this Night.

—I could beat myself for Anger. Sure there is nothing ominous in this strange Folly!——But I suppose all young Maidens are the same, so near so great a Change of Condition, tho' they carry it off more discreetly than I.

THURSDAY, Six o'Clock in the Morning.

I Might as well have not gone to bed last Night, for what Sleep I had. Mrs. Jewkes often was talking to me, and said several Things that would have been well enough from any body else of our Sex; but the poor Woman has so little Purity of Heart, that it is all Say from her, and goes no further

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I fancy my Master has not slept much neither; for I heard him up, and walking about his Chamber, ever fince Break of Day. To be fure, poor Gentleman, he must have some Concern, as well as I; for here he is going to marry a poor foolish unworthy Girl, brought up on the Charity, as one may fay, (at least Bounty) of his worthy Family! And this foolish Girl must be, to all Intents and Purposes, after twelve o'Clock this Day, as much his Wife, as if he were to marry a Dutches? ——And here he must stand the Shocks of common Reflection; the great 'Squire B. has done finely! he has marry'd his poor Servant Wench! will some say. The Ridicule and rude Jests of his Equals, and Companions too, he must stand: And the Disdain of his Relations, and Indignation of Lady Davers, his lofty Sifter! — Dear good Gentleman! he will have enough to do, to be fure!—O how shall I merit all these Things at his Hands! I can only do the best I can; and pray to God to reward him, and to resolve to love him with a pure Heart, and ferve him with a fincere Obedience. I hope the dear Gentleman will continue to love me for this; for alas! I have nothing else to offer! But, as I can hardly expect so great a Blessing, if I can be secure from his Contempt, I shall not be unfortunate; and must bear his Indisference, if his rich Friends should impire him with it, and proceed with doing my Duty with Chearfulness.

Half an Hour past Eight o'Clock.

Y good dear Master, my kind Friend, my generous Benefactor, my worthy Protector, and, Oh! all the good Words in one, my affectionate Husband, that is so soon to be, (be curbed in, my proud Heart, know thyself, and be conscious of thy unworthiness!—) has just left me, with the kindest, tenderest Expressions, and gentlest Behaviour that ever blest a happy Maiden. He approached me with a sort of reined in Rapture. My Pamela! said he, may I just ask after your Employment? Don't let me chide my dear Girl this Day, however. The two Parsons will be here to Breakfast with us at nine; and yet you are not a bit dress'd! Why this Absence of mind, and

(weet Irrefolution?

Why, indeed, Sir, faid I! I will fet about a Reformation this Infant! He faw the Common prayer Book lying in the Window. I hope, faid he, my lovely Maiden has been conning the Lesson she is by-andby to repeat. Have you not, Pamela? And clasped his Arms about me, and kissed me. Indeed, Sir, faid I, I have been reading over the folemn Service? -And what thinks my Fairest, for so he called me, of it?—O Sir, 'tis very awful, and makes one shudder to reflect upon it!----No wonder, said he, it should affect my sweet Pamela: I have been looking into it this Morning, and I can't fay, but I think it a solemn but very suitable Service. But this I tell my dear Love, continu'd he, and again clasp'd me to him, there is not a Tittle in it, that I cannot joyfully subscribe to: And that, my dear Pamela, should make you easy, and join chearfully in it with me. I kissed his dear Hand; O my generous, kind Protecsor, faid I, how gracious is it to confirm thus the doubting

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doubting Mind of your poor Servant! which apprehends nothing so much as her own Unworthiness of the Honour and Blessing that await her!——He was pleased to say, I know well, my dearest Creature, that, according to the Liberties we People of Fortune generally give ourselves, I have promised a great deal, when I say so. But I would not have said it, if deliberately, I could not with all my Heart. So banish from your Mind all Doubts and Difficulties; let a generous Considence in me take place; and let me see it does, by your Chearfulness, in this Day's solemn Bussiness; and then I will love you for ever!

May God Almighty, Sir, faid I, reward all your Goodness to me!—That is all I can say. But, Oh! how kind it is in you, to supply the Want of the Presence and Comfortings of a dear Mother; of a loving Sister, or of the kind Companions of my own Sex, which most Maidens have, to sooth their Anxieties on the fo near Approach of fo awful a Solemnity!—You, Sir, are all those tender Relations in one to me! Your Condescensions and Kindness shall, if possible, embolden me to look up to you without that fweet Terfor, that must confuse poor bashful Maidens, on such an Occasion, when they are furrender'd up to a more doubtful Happiness, and to half strange Men; whose good Faith, and good Usage of them, must be less experienc'd, and is all involv'd in the dark Bosom of Futurity, and only to be prov'd by the Event.

This, my dear Pamela, faid he, is most kindly said!—It shews me, that you enter gratefully into my Intention. For I would by my Conduct, supply all these dear Relations to you; and I voluntarily promise, from my Heart, to you, what I think, I could not with such assured Resolutions of Performance, to the highest born Lady in the Kingdom. For let me tell my sweet Girl, that, after having been long tost by the boisterous Winds of a more culpable Passion, I have now conquer'd it, and am not so much the Victim of your Love, all charming as you are, as of your Virtue; and therefore I may more boldly promise for myself, having so stable a Foundation for my Affecti-

on; which, should this outward Beauty fail, will in crease with your Virtue, and shine forth the brighter, as that is more illustriously display'd, by the augment. ed Opportunities which the Condition you are now entering into, will afford you. - O the dear charming Man! how nobly, and encouragingly kind was all this

I could not fuitably express myself, and he faid, I see my Girl is at a Loss for Words! I doubt not your kind Acceptance of my Declarations. And when have acted too much the Part of a Libertine formerly, for you to look back without fome Anxiety, I ought not, being now happily convicted, to fay less.—But why loses my dear Girl her Time? I will now only add, that I hope for many happy Years to make good, by my Conduct, what fo willingly flows from my Lips.

He kiffed me again, and faid, but, whatever you do, Pamela, be chearful: for else, may-be, of the small Company we shall have, some one, not knowing how to account for your too nice Modesty, may think there is some other Person in the World, whose Addresses

would be still more agreeable to you.

This he faid with an Air of Sweetness and Pleasantry; but it alarm'd me exceedingly, and made me refolve to appear as calm and chearful as possible. For this was indeed a most affecting Expression, and enough to make me, if any thing can, behave as I ought, and to force my idle Fears to give way to Hopes, so much better grounded.—And I began almost, on this Occasion, to wish Mr. Williams were not to marry me, left I should behave like a Fool; and so be liable to an Imputation, which I should be most unworthy if I deserved.

So I fet about dreffing me instantly; and he sent Mrs. Jewkes to affift me, But I am never long 1 dreffing, when I fet about it; and my Master has now given me a Hint, that will, for half an Hou more, at least, keep up my Spirits in a brisk Circulati-Yet it concerns me a little too, lest he should have any, the least Shadow of a Doubt, that I am not, Mind and Person, intirely his. And so being

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now ready, and not called to Breakfast, I sat down and writ thus far. I might have mention'd, that I dress'd myself in a rich white Sattin Night-gown, that had been my good Lady's, and my best Head-cloaths. &c. I have got fuch a Knack of writing, that when I am by myself, I cannot fit without a Pen in my Hand.—But I am now called to Breakfast. I suppose the Gentlemen are come !- Now, Courage, Pamela; remember thou art upon thy good Behaviour :- Fie upon it! my Heart begins to flutter again!—Foolish Heart! Lie still! Never, sure, was any Maiden's perverse Heart under so little Command as mine !- It gave itself away, at first, without my Leave; it has been, for Weeks, pressing me with its Wishes; and yet now, when it should be happy itself, and make me so, it is throb, throb, throb, like a little Fool; and filling me with fuch unfeafonable Misgivings, as abate the rising Comforts of all my better Prospects!

THURSDAY, near Three o'Clock.

I Thought I should have found no Time nor Heart to write again this Day. But here are three Gentlemen come, unexpectedly, to dine with my Master; and so I shall not appear. He has done all he could, civilly, to send them away; but they will stay, tho, I believe, he had rather they would not. And so I have nothing to do but to write till I go to Dinner myself with Mrs. Jewkes: For my Master was not prepared for this Company; and it will be a little latish to-day. So I will begin with my happy Story where I left off.

When I came down to Breakfast, Mr. Peters and Mr. Williams were both there. And as soon as my Master heard me coming down, he met me at the Door, and led me in with great Tenderness. He had kindly spoke to them, as he told me afterwards, to mention no more of the matter to me, than needs must. I paid my Respects to them, I believe, a little aukwardly, and was almost out of breath; but said, I had come down a little too sast.

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When Abraham came to wait, my Master said, (that the Servants should not mistrust) 'Tis well, Gen. tlemen, you came as you did: For my good Girl and I, were going to take an Airing till Dinner-time. I hope you'll stay and dine with me. Sir, faid Mr. Peters, we won't hinder you; I only came, having a little Time upon my Hands, to fee your Chappel; but must be at home at Dinner; and Mr. Williams will dine with me. Well then, faid my Master, we will pursue our Intention, and ride out for an Hour or two, as foon as I have shewn Mr. Peters my little Chappel. Will you, Pamela, after Breakfast, walk with us to it? If-if, faid I, and had like to have stammer'd, foolish that I was! If you please, Sir, I could look none of them in the Face! Abraham looking at me; why, Child, faid my Mafter, you have hardly recover'd your Fright yet: How came your Foot to flip? 'Tis well you did not hurt yourfelf. Said Mr. Peters, improving the Hint You han't forain'd your Ankle, Madam, I hope? No, Sir, faid I, I believe not! But 'tis a little painful to me. And fo it was, for I meant my Foolishness!——Abraham, faid my Master, bid Robin put the Horses to the Coach, instead of the Chariot; and if these Gentlemen will go, we can fet them down. No matter, Sir, faid Mr. Peters, I had as lieve walk, if Mr. Williams chuses it. Well then, said my Master, let it be the Chariot, as I told him.

I could eat nothing, tho' I attempted it; and my Hand shook so, I spilled some of my Chocolate, and so put it down again; and they were all very good, and looked another Way. My Master said, when Abraham was out, I have a quite plain Ring here, Mr. Peters. And I hope the Ceremony will dignify the Ring; and that I shall give my Girl Reason to think it, for that Cause, the most valuable one that can be presented her. Mr. Peters said, he was sure I should set more by it, than the richest Diamond in the World.

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When Breakfast was over, my Master said, before Abraham, Well Gentlemen, we will step into the Chapel; and you must give me your Advice, as to the Alterations I design. I am in the more Haste, because the Survey you are going to take of it, for the Alterations, will take up a little time; and we shall have but a small Space between that and Dinner, for the Tour I design to make.—Pamela, you'll give us your Opinion, won't you? Yes, Sir, said I; I'll come after you.

So they went out, and I fat down in the Chair again, and fanned myfelf: I am fick at Heart, faid I, I think, Mrs. Jewkes. Said she, Shall I fetch you a little Cordial?—No, faid I, I am a fad Fool! I want Spirits, that's all. She took her Smelling-bottle, and would have given it me; but I faid, keep it in your Hand;

may-be, I may want it; but I hope not.

She gave me very good Words; and begg'd me to go: And I got up, but my Knees beat so against one another, I was forced to sit down again. But, at last, I held by her Arm, and passing by Abraham, I said, This ugly Slip, coming down Stairs, has made me limp, tho'; so I must hold by you. Do you know, said I, what Alterations there are to be in the Chappel, that

we must all give our Opinions of them?

Nan, she told me, was let into the Secret; and she had order'd her to stay at the Chappel Door, to see that nobody came in. My dear Master came to me, at entering the Chappel, and took my Hand, and led me up to the Altar. Remember, my dear Girl, whisper'd he, and be chearful. I am, I will, Sir, faid I; but I hardly knew what I faid; and fo you may believe, when I faid to Mrs. Jewkes, Don't leave me : pray, Mrs. Jewkes, don't leave me; as if I had all Confidence in her, and none where it was most due. So she kept close to me. God forgive me! but I never was so absent in my Life, as at first: Even till Mr. Williams had gone on in the Service, fo far as to the awful Words about requiring us, as we should answer at the dreadful Day of Judgment; and then the folemn Words, and my Master's whispering, Mind this, my Dear, made me start. Said he, still whispering, Know VOL. II. 700 you any Impediment? I blush'd, and said softly, None,

Sir, but my great Unworthiness.

Then follow'd the sweet Words, Wilt thou have this Woman to thy wedded Wife, &c. and I began to take Heart a little, when my dearest Master answer'd, audibly, to this Question, I will. But I could only make a Curchee, when they ask'd me: tho' I am sure, my Heart was readier than my Speech, and answer'd to every Article of obey, serve, love, and honour.

Mr. Peters gave me away, and I faid after Mr. Williams, as well as I could, as my dear Master did, with a much better Grace, the Words of Betrothment: and the Ceremony of the Ring passing next, I received the dear Favour at his worthy Hands, with a most grateful Heart; and he was pleased to say afterwards, in the Chariot, that when he had done saying, With this Ring I thee Wed, &c. I made a Curchee, and said, Thank you, Sir. May-be I did; for, I am sure, it was a most grateful Part of the Service; and my Heart was overwhelm'd with his Goodness, and the tender Grace where with he perform'd it. I was very glad that the next Part was the Prayer and Kneeling; for I trembled so, I could hardly stand, betwixt Fear and Delight.

The joining of our Hands afterwards, the Declaration of our being marry'd to the few Witnesses present; for, reckoning Nan, whose Curiosity would not let her stay at the Door, they were but Mr. Peters, Mrs. Jewkes, and she; the Blessing, the Psalm, and the subsequent Prayers, and the concluding Exhortation, were so many beautiful, welcome and lovely Parts of this divine Office, that my Heart began to be delighted with

them, and my Spirits to be a little freer.

And thus, my dearest, dear Parents, is your happy, happy, thrice happy Pamela, at last, marry'd; and to whom?—Why, to her beloved, gracious Master! the Lord of her Wishes!—And thus the dear, once naughty Assailer of her Innocence, by a blessed Turn of Providence, is become the kind, the generous Protector and Rewarder of it. God be evermore blessed and praised! and make me not wholly unworthy of such

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My Master saluted me most ardently, and said, God give you, my dear Love, as much Joy on this Occasion, as I have. And he presented me to Mr. Peters, who saluted me, and said, You may excuse me, dear Madam; for I gave you away, and you are my Daughter. And Mr. Williams modestly withdrawing a little way; Mr. Williams, said my Master, pray accept my Thanks, and wish your Sister Joy. So he saluted me too; and said, Most heartily, Madam, I do. And I will say, that to see so much Innocence and Virtue, so eminently rewarded, is one of the greatest Pleasures I have ever known. This my Master took very kindly.

Mrs. Jewkes would have kissed my Hand at the Chappel Door; but I put my Arms about her Neck, for I had got a new Recruit of Spirits just then, and kissed her; and said, Thank you, Mrs. Jewkes, for accompanying me. I have behav'd sadly. No Madam, said she, pretty well, pretty well! While the Gentlemen were talking, I dropt down on my Knees in a Corner, and once more blessed God for this so signal a Mercy; and Mr. Peters afterwards walked out with me; and Mr. Williams and my Master talked together, and came out after us.

Mr. Peters, when we came into the Parlour, faid, I once more, Madam, must wish you Joy of this happy Occasion. I wish every Day may add to your Comforts; and may you very long rejoice in one another; for you are the loveliest Couple, I ever saw join'd. I told him, I was infinitely oblig'd to his kind Opinion, and good Wishes; and hoped my future Conduct would not make me unworthy of them.

My good Benefactor came in with Mr. Williams: So, my dear Life, faid he, How do you do? A little more compos'd, I hope!—Well, you fee this is not fo dreadful an Affair as you apprehended. Sir, faid Mr. Peters, very kindly, 'tis a very folemn Circumstance, and I love to fee it so reverently and awfully enter'd

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upon. It is a most excellent Sign; for the most thought. ful Beginnings make the most prudent Proceedings, Mrs. Jewkes, of her own accord, came in with a large filver Tumbler, filled with Sack, and a Toaft, and Nutmeg, and Sugar; and my Master said, That's well thought of Mrs. Jewkes; for we have made but forry Breakfastings. And he would make me take some of the Toast; as they all did, and drank pretty heartily: And I drank a little, and it chear'd my Heart, I

thought, for an Hour after.

My Master took a fine Diamond Ring from his Finger, and presented it to Mr. Peters; who receiv'd it very kindly. And to Mr. Williams he faid, My old Acquaintance, I have reserv'd for you, against a Variety of Solicitations, the Living I always defign'd for you: and I beg you'll prepare to take Possession of it; and as the doing it may be attended with some Expence, pray accept of this towards it; and fo he gave him (as he told me afterwards it was) a Bank Note of 50 %.

So did this generous good Gentleman bless us all, and me in particular; for whose fake he was as bounteous as if he had marry'd one of the noblest

Fortunes.

So he took his leave of the Gentlemen, recommending Secrecy again, for a few Days, and they left him; and none of the Servants suspected any thing, as Mrs. Jewkes believes. And then I threw myself at his Feet, bleffing God, and bleffing him for his Goodnefs, and he overwhelm'd me with Kindnefs; calling me his sweet Bride, and twenty lovely Epithets, that swell my grateful Heart beyond the Power of Ut terance.

He afterwards led me to the Chariot; and we took a delightful Tour round the neighbouring Villages; and he did all he could, to dissipate those still perverle Anxieties that dwell upon my Mind, and, do what I can, spread too thoughtful an Air, as he tells me, over my Countenance.

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an Hour out my Company this bleffed Day, that (as he was fo good as to fay) he might inspire me with a Familiarity that should improve my Confidence in him, when he was told, that a Footman of Sir Charles Hargrave had been here, to let him know, that his Mafter, and two other Gentlemen, were on the Road to take a Dinner with him in their way to

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He was heartily vex'd at this, and faid to me, He should have been glad of their Companies at any other Time; but that it was a barbarous Intrusion now; and he wish'd they had been told he would not be at home at Dinner: And besides, said he, they are horrid Drinkers, and I shan't be able to get them away to Night, perhaps; for they have nothing to do, but travel round the Country, and beat up their Friends Quarters all the Way; and 'tis all one to them, whether they flay a Night or a Month, at a Place. But, added he, I'll find fome way, if I can, to turn them off, after Dinner.—Confound them, faid he, in a violent Pet, that they should come this Day, of all the Days in the Year!

We had hardly alighted, and got in, before they came; three mad Rakes they feem'd to be, as I louxed out of the Window, fetting up a Hunting-note, as foon as they came to the Gate, that made the Court-yard echo again, and fmacking their Whips in Concert.

So I went up to my Chamber, and faw (what made my Heart throb) Mrs. Jewkes's officious Pains to put the Room in Order for a Guest, that however welcome, as now my Duty teaches me to fay, is yet dreadful to me to think of. So I refuged myself in my Closet, and had recourse to Pen and Ink, for my Amusement, and to divert my Anxiety of Mind.—If one's Heart is so sad, and one's Apprehensions so great, where one so extremely loves, and is so extremely obliged; What must be the Case of those poor Maidens, who are forced, for fordid Views, by their tyrannical Parents, or Guardians, to marry the Man they almost hate, and, perhaps to the Loss of the Man they most love? O' that is a fad thing indeed!—And what have not such F 3

eruel Parents to answer for? and what do not such poor innocent Victims suffer?—But, blessed be God,

this Lot is far from being mine!

My good Master, for I cannot yet have the Pre-Sumption to call him by a more tender Epithet, came up to me; and faid, Well, I just came to ask my dear Bride! (O the charming, charming Word!) how the does? I see you are writing, my Dear, said he. These confounded Rakes are half mad, I think, and will make me fo! However, faid he, I have order'd my Chariot to be got ready, as if I was under an Engagement five Miles off, and will fet them out of the House, if possible; and then ride round, and come back, as foon as I can get rid of them. I find, faid he, Lady Davers is full of our Affairs. She has taken great Freedoms with me before Sir Charles; and they have all been at me, without Mercy; and I was forced to be very ferious with them, or else they would have come up to have feen you, as I would not call you down.—He kiffed me, and faid, I shall quarrel with them, if I can't get them away; for I have loft two or three precious Hours with my Soul's Delight; and fo he went down.

Mrs. Jewkes ask'd me to walk down to Dinner in the little Parlour. I went down, and she was so complaifant as to offer, to wait upon me at Table; and would not be perfuaded, without Difficulty, to fit down with me. But I infifted she should; For, said I, it would be very extraordinary if one should so soon go into fuch Distance, Mrs. Jewkes! - Whatever the Station of our good Master may require of me, added I, I hope I shall always conduct myself in such a manner, that Pride and Insolence shall bear no Part in my Character. You are very good, Madam, faid she; but I will always know my Duty to my Master's Lady. -Why then, reply'd I, if I must take State upon me so early Mrs. Jewkes, let me exact from you what you call your Duty; and fit down with me, when I defire you. This prevailed upon her; and I made shift to eat a bit of Apple-pie, and a little Custard; but I had no Appetite to any thing elfe.

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My good Master came in again, and said, Well. thank my Stars! these Rakes are going now; but I must set out with them; and I chuse my Chariot; for if I took Horse, I should have difficulty to part with them; for they are like a Snow-ball, and intend to gather Company as they go, to make a merry Tour of it for fome Days together. We both got up, when he came in; Fie, Pamela, faid he! why this Ceremony now ?- Sit still, Mrs. Jewkes !- Nay Sir, faid she, I was loth to fit down, but my Lady would have me!-She is very right, Mrs. Jewkes, faid my Master, and tapp'd me on the Cheek; for we are not yet half marry'd; and so she is not above half your Lady yet!-Don't look fo down, don't be so filent my Dearest, faid he; why, you hardly spoke twenty Words to me all the time we were out together. Something I will allow for your bashful Sweetness; but not too much.-Mrs. Jewkes have you no pleasant Tales to tell my Pamela, to make her smile, till I return?—Yes, Sir, faid she, I could tell twenty pleasant Stories; but my Lady is too nice to hear them; and yet, I hope, I should not be shocking neither. Ah! poor Woman! thought I; the chastest Stories will make a modest Person blush, if I know thee; and I desire to hear none of them. My Master said, Tell her one of the shortest you have, in my Hearing. Why, Sir, faid she, I knew a bashful young Lady, as Madam may be, marry'd to——Dear Mr. Jewkes, interruped I, no more of your Story, I befeech you! I don't like the Beginning of it. Go on, Mrs. Jewkes, said my Mafter. No. pray, Sir, don't require it, faid I; Well, faid he, then we'll have it another pray don't. time Mrs. Jewkes.

And so Abraham coming to tell him, the Gentlemen were going, and his Chariot was ready; Thank God, said he; and went to them, and sat out with them. I took a Turn in the Garden, with Mrs. Jewkes, after they were gone: And having walked a while, I said, I should be glad of her Company down the Elmwalk to meet the Chariot! For, oh! I know not how to look up at him, when he is with me; nor how to

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bear his Absence, when I have Reason to expect him! What a strange Contradiction there is in this unaccountable Passion!

What a different Aspect every Thing in and about this House bears now, to my thinking, to what it once had! The Garden, the Pond, the Alcove, the Elm-walk. But, Oh! my Prison is become my Palace, and no wonder every thing wears another Face! We sat down upon the broad Style, leading towards the Road, and Mrs. Jewkes was quite another Person to me, to what she was the last time I sat there!

At last my best Beloved return'd, and alighted there. What, my Pamela! (said he, and kissed me) brings you this Way? I hope to meet me?—Yes, Sir, said I. That's kind indeed, said he: but why that averted Eye?—That down-cast Countenance, as if you was afraid of me? You must not think so, Sir, said I. Revive my Heart then, said he, with a more chearful Aspect; and let that over-anxious Sollicitude which appears in the charmingest Face in the World be chased from it.—Have you, my dear Girl, any Fears that I can dissipate; any Doubts that I can obviate; any Hopes that I can encourage; any Request that I can gratify? Speak my dear Pamela: and if I have Power, but speak, and to purchase one Smile, it shall be done!

I cannot, Sir, faid I, have any Fears, any Doubts, but that I shall never be able to deserve all your Goodness. I have no Hopes, but that my future Conduct may be agreeable to you, and my determined Duty Nor have I any Request to --weil accepted. -- . make, but that you will forgive an my Imperfections; and, among the rest, this foolish Weakness, that makes me seem to you, after all the generous Things that have passed, to want this further Condescention, and these kind Assurances. But, indeed, Sir, I am oppress'd by your Bounty; my Spirits fink under the Weight of it; and the Oppression is still the greater, as I see not how, possibly, in my whole future Life, by all I can do, to merit the least of your Favours.

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I know your grateful Heart, faid he, but remember. my Dear, what the Lawyers tell us, That Marriage is the highest Consideration which the Law knows. And this, my fweet Bride, has made you mine, and me yours; And you have the best Claim in the World to share my Fortune with me. But, fet that Confideration aside, what is the Obligation you have to me? You Mind is pure as that of an Angel, and as much transcends mine. Your Wit and your Judgment, to make you no Compliment, are more than equal to mine: You have all the Graces that Education can give a Woman; improv'd by a Genius which makes those Graces natural to you. You have a Sweetness of Temper, and a noble Sincerity, beyond all compare: and in the Beauty of your Person, you excel all the Where then, my Dearest, is the Ladies I ever faw. Obligation, if not on my-fide to you? - But to avoid thele Comparisons, let us talk of nothing henceforth but Equality; for if you will set the Riches of your Mind, and your unblemish'd Virtue against my Fortune, (which is but an accidental Good, as I may call it, and all I have to boast of) the Condescension will be yours; and I shall not think I can possibly deserve you, till, after your sweet Example, my future Life shall become nearly as blameless as yours.

O Sir, faid I, what Comfort do you give me, that, instead of my being in Danger of being insnared by the high Condition to which your Goodness has exalted me, you make me hope, that I shall be consirm'd and improv'd by you; and that we may have a Prospect of perpetuating each other's Happiness, till Time shall be no more!—But, Sir, I will not, as you once caution'd me, be too serious. I will resolve, with these sweet Encouragements, to be, in every thing, what you would have me be! And I hope I shall, more and more, shew you that I have no Will but yours. He kissed me very tenderly, and thanked me for this kind Assurance, as he called it. And so we enter'd the House, Mrs. Jewkes having left us as soon as my Master alighted

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Eight o'Clock at Night.

OW these sweet Assurances, my dear Father and Mother, you will fay, must be very Confolatory to me, and voluntierly on his Side, all that could be wish'd for on mine; and I was resolved. if possible, to subdue my idle Fears and Apprehentions.

Ten o' Clock at Night.

S we fat at Supper, he was generously kind to A me, as well in his Actions as Expressions. He took notice, in the most delicate manner, of my Endeavour to conquer my Foibles, and faid, I fee, with Pleasure my dear Girl strives to comport herself in a manner suitable to my Wishes: I see even thro' the fweet tender Struggles of your over-nice Modesty, how much I owe to your Defire of obliging me. As I have once told you, that I am the Conquest more of your Virtue than your Beauty; fo, not one alarming Word or Look shall my beloved Pamela hear or see, to give her Reason to suspect the Truth of what I a ver. You may the rather believe me, continued he, as you may fee the Pain I have to behold any thing that concerns you, even tho' your Concern be causeless. And yet I will indulge my dear Girl's bashful Weakness so far, as to own that so pure a Mind may fuffer from Apprehension, on so important a Change as this; and I can therefore be only displeased with such Part of your Conduct, as may make your Sufferings greater than my own; when I am refolved, thro' every Stage of my future Life, in all Events, to study to make them less.

After Supper, of which, with all his sweet Persuafions, I could hardly taste, he made me drink two Glasses of Champaign, and afterwards a Glass of Sack; which he kindly forced upon me, by naming your Healths: And as the Time of retiring drew on, he took notice, but in a very delicate manner, how my Colour went and came; and how foolishly I trembled. Nobody, furely, in fuch delightful Cir-

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I wished for this, but durst not say so much, less he should be angry; for, as the Hours grew on, I found my Apprehensions increase, and my filly Heart was the unquieter, every time I could list up my Eyes to his dear Face; so sweetly terrible did he appear to my Apprehensions. I said, You are all Goodness, dear Sir; and I boldly kissed his dear Hand, and pressed it to my Lips, with both mine. And he saluting me very servently, gave me his Hand, seeing me hardly able to stand, and led me to my Chamber-door, and then most generously withdrew.

I went to my Closet; and the first thing I did on my Knees, again thanked God for the Blessing of the Day; and besought his Divine Goodness to conduct my future Life in such a manner, as should make me a happy Instrument of his Glory. After this, being now lest to my own Recollection, I grew a little more assured and lightsome; and the Pen and my Paper being before me, I amused myself with writing thus far.

Eleven o'Clock Thursday Night.

MRS. Jewkes being come up with a Message, de suring to know, whether her Master may attend upon me in my Closet; and hinting to me, that however, she believed, he did not expect to find me there, I have sent Word, that I beg he would indulge me one Quarter of an Hour.—So committing myself to the Mercies of the Almighty, who has led me thro so many strange Scenes of Terror and Assrightment, to this happy, yet awful Moment, I will wish you, my dear Parents, a good Night; and tho' you will not see this in time, yet I know I have your hourly Prayers; and therefore cannot fail of them now. So, Good-night, Good-night! God bless you, and God bless me. Amen, if it be his blessed Will, subscribes

Your ever dutiful Daughter!

FRIDAY Evening.

How this dear, excellent Man indulges me in every thing! Every Hour he makes me hap. pier, by his fweet Condescension, than the former. He pities my Weakness of Mind, allows for all my little Foibles, endeavours to disfipate my Fears; his Words are so pure, his Ideas so chaste, and his whole Behaviour fo fweetly decent, that never, furely, was fo happy a Creature as your Pamela! I never could have hoped fuch a Husband could have fallen to my Lot! And much less, that a Gentleman, who had allow'd himself in Attempts, that now I will endeavour to forget for ever, should have behav'd with so very delicate and unexceptionable a Demeanour. No light, frothy Jests drop from his Lips; no alarming Railleries; no offensive Expressions, nor insulting Airs, repreach or wound the Ears of your happy, thrice happy Daughter. In short, he says every thing that may embolden me to look up, with Pleasure, upon the generous Author of my Happiness.

At Breakfast, when I knew not how to see him, he embolden'd me by talking of you, my dear Parents; a Subject, he generously knew, I could talk of: And gave me Assurances, that he would make you both happy. He faid, he would have me fend you a Letter, to acquaint you with my Nuptials; and, as he could make Bufiness that way, Thomas should carry it purposely, as to-morrow. Nor will I, said he, my dear Pamela, desire to see your Writings, because I told you I would not; for now will I, in every thing, religiously keep my Word with my dear Spouse. (O the dear delightful Word!) and you may fend all your Papers to them, from those they have, down to this happy Moment; only let me beg they will preferve them, and let me have them when they have read them, as also those I have not seen; which, however, I defire not to fee till then; but then shall take it for a

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I know you will both join with me to bless God for his wonderful Mercies and Goodness to you, as well as to me: For he was pleased to ask me particularly after your Circumstances, and said, he had taken notice that I had hinted, in some of my first Letters, that you ow'd Money in the World; and he gave me Fifty Guineas, and bid me fend them to you in my Pacquet, to pay your Debts, as far as they would go; and that you would quit your present Business, and put yourself, and my dear Mother, into a creditable Appearance; and he would find a better Place of Abode for you than that you had, when he returned to Bedfordshire. O how shall I bear all these exceeding great and generous Favours!—I fend them, wrapt up, Five

Guineas in a Parcel, in double Papers.

To me he gave no less than One hundred Guineas more; and faid, I would have you, my Dear, give Mrs. Jewkes, when you go away from hence, what you think fit, out of these, as from yourself !- Nay. good dear Sir, faid I, let that be what you pleafe. Give her then, faid he, Twenty Guineas, as a Compliment on your Nuptials. Give Colbrand Ten Guineas: Give the two Coachmen, Five Guineas each; to the two Maids at this House, Five Guineas each: Give Abraham Five Guineas: Give Thomas Five Guineas; and give the Gardeners, Grooms and Helpers, Twenty Guineas among them. when, faid he, I return with you to the other House, I will make you a fuitable Prefent, to buy you fuch Ornaments as are fit for my beloved Wife to appear in. For now, my Pamela, continu'd he, you are not to mind, as you once proposed, what other Ladies will fay; but to appear as my Wife ought to do. Else it will look as if what you thought of, as a Means to avoid the Envy of others of your Sex, was a wilful Slight in me, which, I hope, I never shall be guilty of; and I will shew the World, that I value you as I ought, and as if I had marry'd the first Fortune in the Kingdom: And why should it not be so? When When I know none of the first Quality that matches

you in Excellence ?

He faw I was at a Loss for Words, and said, I see, my dearest Bride! my Spouse! my Wife! my Pamela! your grateful Confusion. And kissing me, as I was going to speak, I will stop your dear Mouth, said he: You shall not so much as thank me; for when I have done ten times more than this, I shall but poorly express my Love for so much Beauty of Mind, and Loveliness of Person; which thus, said he, and clasped me to his generous Bosom, I can proudly now call my own!—O how can I think of any thing, but returned Love, Joy and Gratitude!

And thus generously did he banish from my Mind those painful Reslections, and bashful Apprehensions, that made me dread to see him, for the first time this Day, when I was called to attend him at Breakfast, and made me all Ease, Composure and Tranquility.

He then, thinking I feem'd fomewhat thoughtful. proposed a little Turn in the Chariot, till Dinnertime; and this was another fweet Relief to me; and he diverted me with twenty agreeable Relations, of what Observations he had made in his Travels; and gave me the Characters of the Ladies and Gentlemen in his other Neighbourhood; telling me whose Acquaintance he would have me most cultivate; and when I mention'd Lady Davers, with Apprehension, he said, To be fure I love my Sifter dearly, notwithstanding her violent Spirit; and I know she loves me; and I can allow a little for her Pride, because I know what once my own was; and because she knows not my Pamela, and her Excellencies, as I do. But you must not, my Dear, forget what belongs to your Character, as my Wife, nor meanly stoop to her; tho' I know you will chuse, by Softness, to try to move her to a proper Behaviour. But it shall be my Part to see that you do not yield too much.

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is not willing to be reconcil'd; for she dare not, surely, come to quarrel with me, when she knows it is done; for that would have an hateful and wicked Appearance, as if she would try to make Differences between Man and Wife.—But we will have no more of this Subject, nor talk of any thing, added he, that shall give Concern to my Dearest. And so he changed the Talk to a more pleasing Subject, and said the kindest and most soothing things in the World.

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When we came home, which was about Dinnertime, he was the same obliging, sweet Gentleman; And, in short, is studious to shew, on every Occasion, his generous Affection to me. And, after Dinner, he told me, he had already wrote to his Draper, in Town, to provide him new Liveries; and to his late Mother's Mercer, to fend him down Patterns of the most fashionable Silks, for my Choice. I told him, I was unable to express my Gratitude for his Favours and Generofity; and as he knew best what befitted his own Rank and Condition, I would wholly remit myself to his good Pleasure; but, by all his repeated Bounties to me, of so extraordinary a Nature, I could not but look forward with Awe, upon the Condition to which he had exalted me; and now I feared I should hardly be able to act up to it in such a manner as should justify the Choice he had condescended to make. But that, I hoped, I should have not only his generous Allowance for my Imperfections, which I could only affure him should not be wilful ones, but his kind Instructions; and that as often as he observed any Part of my Conduct such as he would have alter'd, and could not intirely approve, that he would let me know it; and I would think his Reproofs of beginning Faults the kindest and most affectionate things in the World; because they would keep me from committing greater; and be a Means to continue to me the Bleffing of his good Opinion.

He answer'd me in the kindest manner; and assured me, That nothing should ever lie upon his Mind which he would not reveal, and give me an Opportunity either of convincing him, or being convinced myself.

He then asked me, When I should be willing to go to the Bedfordsbire House? I said, Whenever he pleased. Said he, We will come down hither again before the Winter, if you please, in order to cultivate the Acquaintance you have begun with Lady Jones, and Sir Simon's Family; and, if it please God to spare us to one another, in the Winter I will give you, as I promised, for two or three Months, my Company in London. And, I think, added he, if my Dear pleases, we will fet out next Week, about Tuesday, for t'other House. I can have no Objection, Sir, faid I, to any thing you propose; but how will you avoid Miss Darnford's Sollicitation for an Evening, to dance? Why, faid he, we can make Monday Evening do for that Purpose, if they won't excuse us. But if you please, faid he, I will invite Lady Jones, Mr. Peters and his Family, and Sir Simon and his Family, to my little Chappel on Sunday Morning, and to stay Dinner with me; and then I will declare my Marriage to them, because my dear Life shall not leave this Country, with the least Reason for a Possibility of any body's doubting that it is fo. Oh! how good this was! But, indeed, his Conduct is all of a Piece, noble, kind, and confiderate! What a happy Creature, by God's Goodness, am I!—And then, may be, faid he, they will excuse us till we return into this County again, as to the Ball. Is there any thing, added he, that my beloved Pamela has still to wish? if you have, freely speak.

Hitherto, my dearest Sir, reply'd I, you have not only prevented my Wishes, but my Hopes, and even my Thoughts. And yet I must own, since your kind Command of speaking my Mind, seems to shew that you expect from me, I should say something, that I have only one or two things to wish more, and then I shall be too happy. Say, said he, what they are? Sir, proceeded I, I am, indeed, ashamed to ask any thing, less it should not be agreeable to you; and less it should look as if I was taking Advantage of your kind Condescensions to me, and knew not when to be

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I will only tell you, Pamela, faid he, that you are not to imagine, that these things which I have done, in hopes of obliging you, are the sudden Impulses of a new Passion for you. But, if I can answer for my own Mind, they proceed from a regular and uniform Defire of obliging you; which, I hope, will last as long as your Merit lasts; and that, I make no doubt, will be as long as I live; and I can the rather answer for this, because I really find so much Delight in myself in my present way of Thinking and Acting, as infinitely over-pays me; and which, for that Reason, I am likely to continue for both our sakes. My beloved Wife, therefore, faid he, for methinks I am grown fond of a Name I once despised, may venture to speak her Mind; and I will promise, that, fo far as it is agreeable to me, and I chearfully can, I will comply; and you will not infift upon it, if that cannot be the Cafe.

To be sure, Sir, said I, I ought not, neither will I. And now you embolden me to become an humble Petitioner; and that as I ought, upon my Knees, for the reinstating such of your Servants, as I have been the unhappy Occasion of their disobliging you. He raised me up, and said, My beloved Pamela has too often been in this suppliant rotture to me to permit it any more. Rise, my Fairest, and let me know whom, in particular, you would reinstate; and he kindly held me in his Arms, and pressed me to his beloved Bosom. Mrs. Fervis, Sir, said I, in the first place; for she is a good Woman; and the Missortunes she has had in the World, make your Displeasure most heavy to her.

Well, faid he, who next? Mr. Longman, Sir, faid I; and, I am fure, kind as they have been to me, yet would I not ask it, if I could not vouch for their Integrity, and if I did not think it was my dear Mater's Integral to have such sead Someonte.

ster's Interest to have such good Servants.

Have you any thing further? faid he.—Sir, faid I, your good old Butler, who has fo long been in your Family, before the Day of your happy Birth; I would, if I might, become an Advocate for!

Well,

Well, said he, I have only to say, That had not Mr. Longman, and Mrs. Jerwis, and Jonathan too, joined in a Body, in a bold Appeal to Lady Davers, which has given her the infolent Handle she has taken to intermeddle in my Affairs, I could eafily have forgiven all the rest of their Conduct; tho' they have given their Tongues no little Licence about me; but I could have forgiven them, because I desire every Body to love you; and it is with Pride that I observe the 0. pinion and Love of them, and every body else that knows you, justify my own. - But yet, I will forgive even this, because my Pamela defires it; and I will fend a Letter myself, to tell Longman what he owes to your Interpofition, if the Estate he has made in my Family, does not fet him above the Acceptance of it. And as to Mrs. Jervis, do you, my Dear, write a Letter to her, and give her your Commands, instantly, on the Receipt of it, to go and take possession of her former Charge; for now, my dearest Girl, she will be more immediately your Servant; and I know you love her so well, that you'll go thither with the more Pleasure, to find her there -But don't think, added he, that all this Compliance is to be for nothing. Ah! Sir, faid I, tell me but what I can do, poor as I am in Power, but rich in Will: and I will not hesitate one Why then, faid he, of your Accord, Moment. reward me for my chearful Compliance, with one sweet Kiss .- I instantly said, Thus then, dear Sir, will I obey; and, Oh! you have the sweetest and most generous way in the World, to make that a Condition, which gives me double Honour, and adds to my Obligations. And fo I clasped my Arms about his Neck, and was not ashamed to kiss him once, and twice, and three times, once for every forgiven Per-

Now, my dearest Pamela, said he, what other things have you to ask? Mr. Williams is already taken Care of; and, I hope, will be happy,—Have you nothing to say for John Arnold?

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But, dear Sir, said I, this is a Day of Jubilee; and the less he deserves, poor Fellow, the more will be your Goodness. And let me add one Word; That as he was divided in his Inclinations between his Duty to you, and good Wishes to me, and knew not how to distinguish between the one and the other, when he finds us so happily united by your great goodness to me, he will have no more Puzzles in his Duty; for he has not failed in any other Part of it; but I hope, will serve you faithfully for the suture.

Well then, suppose I put Mrs. Jewkes in a good way of Business, in some Inn, and give her John for a Husband? And then your Gypsey Story will be made out, that she will have a Husband younger than herself.

You are all Goodness, Sir, said I, I can freely forgive poor Mrs. Jewkes, and wish her happy. But permit me, Sir, to ask, Would not this look like a very heavy Punishment to poor John?—And as if you could not forgive him, when you are so generous to every body else?

He smiled, and said, O my Pamela, this, for a forgiving Spirit, is very severe upon poor Jewkes: But I shall never, by the Grace of God, have any more such trying Services to put him or the rest upon; and if you can forgive him, I think I may; and so John shall be at your Disposal. And now let me know, what my Pamela has further to wish?

O my dearest Sir, said I, not one single wish more has your grateful Pamela. My Heart is overwhelm'd with your Goodness! Forgive these Tears of Joy, added I!—You have lest me nothing to pray for, but that God will bless you with Life, and Health, and Honour, and continue to me the Blessing of your Esteem; and I shall then be the happiest Creature in the World.

He clasped me in his Arms, and said, you cannot, my dear Life, be so happy in me, as I am in you. O how heartily I despite all my former Pursuits and headstrong Appetites! What Joys, what true Joys, show from virtuous Love! Joys which the narrow Soul of the Libertine cannot take in, nor his Thought conceive!—And which I myself, whilst a Libertine, had not the least Notion of!

But, said he, I expected, my dear Spouse, my Pamela, had something to ask for herself: But since all her own Good is absorbed in the Delight her generous Heart takes in promoting that of others, it shall be my Delight to prevent her wishes, and to study to make her Care for herself unnecessary, by my antici-

pating Kindness,

In this manner, my dear Parents, is your happy Daughter bleffed in a Husband! O how my exulting Heart leaps at the dear, dear Word!——And I have nothing to do but to be humble, and to look up with Gratitude to the all-gracious Dispenser of these

Blessings!

So with a thousand Thanks, I afterwards retired to my closet, to write you thus far. And having completed what I purpose for this racquet, and put up the kind, obliging Present, I have nothing more to say, but that I hope soon to see you both, and receive your Blessings on this happy, thrice happy Occasion. And so hoping for your Prayers, that I may preserve an humble and upright Mind to my gracious God, a dutiful Gratitude to my dear Matter and Husband,—that I may long rejoice in the Continuance of these Blessings and Favours, and that I may preserve at the same time, an obliging Deportment to every one else, I conclude myself,

Your ever dutiful and most bappy Daughter,

O think it not my Pride, my dear Parents, that fets me on glorying in my Change of Name.
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fuch a Husband!—What shall I say, since Words are too faint to express my Gratitude and my Joy! I have taken Copies of my Master's Letter to Mr. Longman, and mine to Mrs. Jervis, which I will send with the further Occurrences when I go to the other dear House, or give you when I see you, as I now hope soon to do.

SATURDAY Morning, the Third of my happy Nuptials.

I Must still write on, till I come to be settled in the Duty of the Station to which I am so generously exalted, and to let you participate with me the transporting Pleasures that arise from my new Condition, and the Favours that are hourly heaped upon me by the best of Husbands. When I had got my Pacquet for you finish'd, I then set about Writing, as he had kindly directed me, to Mrs. Jervis; and had no Dissiculty till I came to sign my Name; and so I brought it down with me, when I was called to Supper, unsigned.

My good Master, I hardly have yet the Courage to call him freely by a tenderer Name, had been writing to Mr. Longman; and he said, pleasantly, see here, my dearest, what I have written to your Somebody. I read as follows:

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Have the Pleasure to acquaint you, that last Thursday I was marry'd to my beloved Pamela. I have had Reason to be disobliged with you, and Mrs. Jervis and Jonathan, not for your Kindness to, and Regard for my dear Spouse, that now is, but for the manner in which you appealed to my Sister Davers; which has made a very wide Breach between her and me. But as it was one of her first Requests, that I would overlook what had past, and reinstate you all in your former Charges, I think myself obliged, without the least Hesitation, to comply with it. So, if you please, you may enter

enter again upon an Office which you have always

executed with unquestionable Integrity, and to the

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· Friday Afternoon.

Yours, &c.

I shall set out next Tuesday or Wednesday, God

willing, for Bedfordshire; and defire to find J.

* nathan, as well as you, in your former Offices; in which I dare fay, you'll have the more Plea.

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Sentiments of my dear Wife, from whose Good.

' ness you may expect every agreeable Thing. She writes herself to Mrs. Jervis.

I thank'd him most gratefully for his Goodness, and afterwards took the above Copy of it: And shew'd him my Letter to Mrs. Jervis, as follows:

· My dear Mrs. JERVIS,

I Have joyful Tidings to communicate to you.

For Yesterday I was happily marry'd to the

best of Gentlemen, yours and my beloved Master.
I have only now to tell you, that I am inexpressibly

happy: That my generous Benefactor denies me no-

thing, and even anticipates my Wishes. You may

be fure I could not forget my dear Mrs. Jervis; and I made it my Request, and had it granted, as soon as

ask'd, that you might return to the kind Charge,

which you executed with fo much Advantage to our

" Master's Interest, and so much Pleasure to all under

' your Direction. All the Power that is put into my

Hands, by the most generous of Gentlemen, shall

be exerted to make every Thing easy and agreeable

to you; and as I shall soon have the Honour of at-

* tending my beloved Spouse to Bedfordshire, it will be a very considerable Addition to my Delights, and

to my unspeakable Obligations to the best of Men,

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Yours very affectionately and gratefully,

He read this Letter, and faid, 'tis yours, my dear, and must be good: But don't you put your Name to it? Sir, faid I, your Goodness has given me a Right to a very honourable one: But as this is the first Occasion of this kind, except that to my dear Father and Mother, I think I ought to shew it you unsign'd, that I may not seem over-forward to take

Advantage of the Honour you have done me.

However sweetly humble and requisite, said he, this may appear to my dear Pamela's Niceness, it besits me to tell you, that I am every Moment, more and more pleased with the Right you have to my Name: And, my dear Life, added he, I have only to wish I may be half as worthy as you are of the happy Knot so lately knit. He then took a Pen himself, and wrote after Pamela, his most worthy Surname; and I under-wrote thus: "O rejoice with me, my "dear Mrs. Jervis, that I am enabled, by God's "Graciousness and my dear Master's Goodness, thus "to write myself."

These Letters, and the Pacquet to you, were sent

away by Mr. Thomas early this Morning.

My dearest Master is just gone to take a ride out, and intends to call upon the Lady Jones, Mr. Peters, and Sir Simon Darnford, to invite them to Chappel and Dinner to morrow; and says, he chuses to do it himself, because the time is so short, they will, per-

haps, deny a Servant.

I forgot to mention, that Mr. Williams was here Yesterday, to ask Leave to go see his new Living, and to provide for taking Possession of it; and seem'd so pleas'd with my Master's Kindness and Fondness for me, as well as his generous Deportment to himself, that he left us in such a Disposition, as shew'd him quite happy. I am very glad of it; for it would rejoice

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d by nyfelf from rejoice me to be an humble means of making all Mankind so: and Oh! what Returns ought I not to make to the Divine Goodness! and how ought I to strive to diffuse the Blessings I experience, to all in my Know. ledge!—For else, what is it for such a Worm as I to be exalted! What is my fingle Happiness, if I suffer it, Niggard-like, to extend no surther than mysels!— But then, Indeed, do God Almighty's Creatures all worthy of the Blessings they receive, when they make, or endeavour to make the whole Creation, so far as is

in the Circle of their Power, happy!

Great and good God! as thou hast enlarged my Opportunities, enlarge also my Will, and make me delight in dispensing to others, a Portion of that Happiness which I have myself so plentifully received at the Hands of thy gracious Providence! Then shall I not be useless in my Generation!——Then shall I not stand a single Mark of God's Goodness to a poor worthless Creature, that in herself is of so poor Account in the Scale of Beings, a meer Cypher on the wrong Side of a Figure; but shall be placed on the right Side; and, tho' nothing worth in myself, shall give Signification by my Place, and multiply the Blessings I owe to God's Goodness, who has distinguished me by so fair a Lot!

This, as I conceive, is the indispensable Duty of a high Condition; and how great must be the Condemnation of poor Creatures, at the great Day of Account, when they shall be asked, what Uses they have made of the Opportunity put into their Hands? and are able only to say, we have lived but to ourselves. We have circumscribed all the Power thou has given us into one narrow, selfish Circle: We have heap'd up Treasures for those who came after us, tho' we know not whether they will not make a still worse Use of them than we ourselves did. And how can such poor selfish Pleaders expect any other Sentence, than the

dreadful, Depart ye Cursed!

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There is something so satisfactory and pleasing to Reslection, on the being able to administer Comfore and Relief to those who stand in need of it, as infinitely rewards the beneficent Mind. And how often have I experienced this in my good Lady's Time; tho' but the second-hand Dispenser of her Benefits to the Poor, and Sickly, when she made me her Almoner!——How have I been affected with the Blessings which the miferable have heaped upon her for her Goodness, and upon me for being but the humble Conveyer of her Bounty to them!—And how delighted have I been, when the moving Reports I have made of a particular Distress, has augmented my good Lady's first Intentions it its Relief!

This I recal, with Pleasure, because it is now, by God's Goodness, become my Part to do those good Things she was won't to do: And oh! let me watch myself, that my prosperous State do not make me forget to look up with due Thankfulness, to the Providence which has intrusted me with the Power, that so I may not incur a terrible Woe by the Abuse or the Neglect of it!

Forgive me these Ressections, my dear Parents, and let me have your Prayers, that I may not find my present Happiness a Snare to me; but that I may consider, that more and more will be expected from me, in Proportion to the Power given me; and that I may not so unworthily act as if I believ'd I ought to set up my Rest in my mean self, and think nothing surther to be done, with the Opportunities put into my Hand, by the Divine Favour, and the best of Men!

SATURDAY, Seven o'Clock in the Evening,

MY Master return'd home to Dinner, in Compliment to me, tho' much press'd to dine with Lady Jones, as he was also by Sir Simon, to dine with him. But Mr. Peters could not conveniently provide a Preacher for his own Church to-morrow Morning, You. II.

at so short a Notice; Mr. Williams being gone, as I said, to his new Living; but believed he could for the Asternoon; and so he promised to give his Company to Dinner, and to read Asternoon Service; and this made my Master invite all the rest, as well as him, to Dinner, and not to Church; and made them promise to come; and told Mr. Peters, he would send his Coach for him and his Family.

Miss Darnford told him, pleasantly, she would not come unless he would promise her to be at his Wedding; by which, I find, Mr. Peters has kept the Se-

cret, as my Master desired.

He was pleased to give me an Airing after Dinner in the Chariot, and renew'd his kind Assurances to me, and, if possible, is kinder than ever. This is sweetly comfortable to me; because it shews me, he does not repent of his Condescensions to me; and it encourages me to look up to him with more Satisfac-

tion of Mind, and less Doubtfulness.

I begged leave to fend a Guinea to a poor Body in the Town, that I heard, by Mrs. Fewkes, lay very ill, and was very destitute. He said, send two, my dear, if you please. Said I, Sir, I will never do any Thing of this kind without letting you know what I do. He most generously answer'd, I shall then perhaps, have you do less Good than you would otherwise do, from a Doubt of me; tho' I hope your Discretion, and my own Temper, which is not avaricious, will make such Doubt causeless.

Now, my dear, continued he, I'll tell you how we will order this Point, to avoid even the Shadow of Uneafiness on one Side, or Doubt on the other.

As to your Father and Mother, in the first Place, they shall be quite out of the Question; for I have already determined in my Mind about them; and it is thus: They shall go down, if they and you think well of it, to my little Kentish Estate; which I once mentioned to you in such a manner, as made you reject it with a Nobleness of Mind that gave me Pain then, but Pleasure since. There is a pressure fince. There is a pressure fince and House, untenanted, upon that Estate.

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O, Sir, said I, either I have not Words, or else the English Tongue affords them not, to express sufficiently my Gratitude. Learn me, dear Sir, continued I, and pressed his dear Hands to my Lips, learn me some other Language, if there be any, that abounds with more grateful Terms, that I may not thus be choaked with Meanings, for which I can find no adequate Utterance.

My Charmer! says he, your Language is all wonderful, as your Sentiments; and you must abound when you seem most to want!—All that I wish, is, to find my Proposals agreeable to you; and if my first are not, my second shall be, if I can but know what you wish.

Did I say too much, my dearest Parents, when I said he was, if possible, kinder and kinder!—O the blessed Man! How my Heart is overwhelm'd with his Goodness!

Well, faid he, my dearest, let me desire you to mention this to them, and see if they approve it. But if it be your Choice, and theirs, to have them nearer to you, or even under the Roof with you, I will freely consent to it.

O no, Sir, said I (and I fear almost sinn'd in my grateful Flight) I am sure they would not chuse that s

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Excellent Creature! faid he, my beloved wants no Language; nor Sentiment neither! and her charming Thoughts, fo fweetly express'd, would grace any Language; and this is a Bleffing almost peculiar to my Fairest. Your so kind acceptance, my Pamela, added he, repays the Benefit, with Interest, and leaves me

under Obligation to your Goodness.

But now, my dearest, I will tell you what we will do, with Regard to Points of your own private Charity; for, far be it from me, to put under that Name the Subject we have been mentioning: Because that, and more than that, is Duty, to Persons so worthy, and so nearly related to my Pamela, and, as such, to my self.—O how the sweet Man outdoes me in Thoughts, Words, Power, and every Thing!

And this, faid he, lies in a very small Compass; for I will allow you two hundred Pounds a Year, which Longman shall constantly pay you, at fifty Pounds a Quarter for your own Use, and of which I expect no Account; to commence from the Day you enter into my other House: I mean, said he, that the first stry Pounds shall then be due; because you shall have some thing to begin with. And, added the dear generous Man, if this be pleasing to you, let it, since you is you want Words, fignify it by fuch a fweet Kiss a you gave me yesterday. I hesitated not a Momento comply with these obliging Terms, and threw my Arms about his dear Neck, tho' in the Chariot, and bleffed his Goodness to me. But indeed, Sir, faid ! I cannot bear this generous Treatment. He was plea fed to fay, don't be uneafy, my Dear, about their Trifles; God has blefs'd me with a very good Effat, and all of it in a prosperous Condition, and well tenant ed. I lay up Money every Year, and have befide, large Sums in the Government and other Securities; 10

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In this sweet manner did we pass the Time till Evening, when the Chariot brought us home; and then our Supper succeeded in the same agreeable manner. And thus, in a rapturous Circle, the Time moves on; every Hour bringing with it something more delightful than the past!—Sure nobody was ever so blest as I!

SUNDAY, the Fourth Day of my Happiness.

OT going to Chappel this Morning, the Reafon of which I told you, I bestow'd the Time, from the Hour of my beloved's rising, to Breakfast, in Prayer and Thanksgiving, in my Closet: and now I begin to be quite easy, chearful and free in my Spirits; and the rather, as I find myself encouraged by the Tranquility, Serenity, and pleasing Vivacity in the Temper and Behaviour of my beloved Spouse; who thereby shews he does not repent of his Goodness to me.

I attended him to Breakfast, and drank my Chocolate with great Pleasure, and eat two bits of Toast; and he seemed quite pleas'd with me, and said, now does my dearest begin to look upon we with an Air of Serenity and Satisfaction: It shall be always, added he, my Delight to give you Occasion for this fweet becoming Aspect of Confidence and Pleasure in me_My Heart, dear Sir, said I, is quite easy, and has loft all its foolish Tumults, which combating with my Gratitude, gave an ingrateful Appearance to my Behaviour: But now your Goodness, Sir, has enabled it to get the better of its uneasy Apprehensions, and my Heart is all of one Piece, and devoted to you, and grateful Tranquility. And could I be so happy as to see you and my good Lady Davers reconciled, I have nothing in this World to wish for more, but the Continuance of your Favour. He faid, I wish this Reconciliation, my dearest, as well as you; and I do assure you, more for your sake

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He said, I will lay down one Rule for you, my Pa. mela, to observe in your Dress; and I will tell you every thing I like or dislike, as it occurs to me; and I would have you do the same, on your Part, that nothing may lie upon either of our Minds, that shall occa-

fion the least Reservedness.

I have often observ'd in married Folks, that, in alictle while, the Lady grows careless in her Dress; which, to me, looks as if the would take no Pains to fecure the Affection the had gained, and thews a Slight to her Husband, that she had not to her Lover: Now, you must know, this has always given me great Offence; and I should not forgive it, even in my Pamela; tho' she would have this Excuse for herself, that thoufands could not make, that she looks lovely in every Thing. So, my Dear, I shall expect of you always, to be dress'd by Dinner-time, except something extraordinary happens; and this, whether you are to go abroad, or stay at home. For this, my Love, will continue to you that sweet Ease in your Dress and Behaviour, which you are so happy a Mistress of; and whoever I bring home with me to my Table, you will be in Readiness to receive them; and will not want to make those foolish Apologies, to unexpected Visitors, that carry with them a Reflection on the Conduct of those who make them; and besides, will convince me, that you think yourself obliged to appear as graceful to your Husband, as you would to Persons less familiar to your Sight.

This, dear Sir, faid I, is a most obliging Injunction; and I most heartily thank you for it, and will always take Care to obey it.—Why, my dear, said he, you may better do this than half your Sex. Because they too generally act in such a manner, as if they seem'd to think it the Privilege of Birth and Fortune, to turn Day into Night, and Night into Day, and are seldom stirring till 'tis time to sit down to Dinner; and so all the good old Family Rules are revers'd; for they breakfast when they should dine; dine, when they should

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fup; and fup, when they should go to bed; and by the Help of dear Quadrille, iometimes go to Bed when they should rife—in any Thing but these, my dear, continued he, I expect you to be a Lady. And my good Mother was one of this old-sashion'd Cut, tho' in all other Respects, as worthy a Lady as any in the Kingdom. And so you have not been used to the new Way, and may the easier practise the other.

Dear Sir, faid I, pray give me more of your fweet Injunctions. Why then continued he, I shall in the usual Course, and generally, if not hinder'd by Company, like to go to bed with my dearest, by eleven; and if I don't, shan't hinder you. I ordinarily now rise by fix, in Summer. I will allow you to lie half an Hour after me, or so.

Then you'll have fome time at your own Dispose, till you give me your Company to breakfast; which may be always so, as that we may have done at a little after nine.

Then will you have feveral Hours, again, at your Disposal, till two o'Clock, when I shall like to sit down at Table.

You will then have feveral useful Hours more to employ yourfelf in, as you shall best like; and I would generally go to Supper by eight; and when we are resolved to stick to those old-fashioned Rules, as near as we can, we shall make our Visitors conform to them too, and expect them from us, and fuit themselves accordingly: For I have always observ'd, that it is in every one's Power to prescribe Rules to himself. is only standing a few ridiculous Jests at first, and that too, from such generally, as are not the most worthy to be minded; and, after a while, they will fay, it fignifies nothing to ask him: He will have his own Way. There is no putting him out of his Byass. He is a regular piece of Clock-work, will they joke, and all that: And why, my dear, should we not be so? For Man is as frail a Piece of Machinery, as any Clock-work whatever, and, by Irregularity, is as lubject to be disorder'd.

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Then, my dear, continued the charming Man, when they fee they are received, at my Times, with an open Countenance and chearful Heart; when they see Plenty and Variety at my Board, and meet i kind and hearty welcome from us both, they will not offer to break in upon my Conditions, nor grudge me my regular Hours: And as most of these People have nothing to do, except to rife in a Morning, they may as well come to Breakfast with us, at half an Hour after eight, in Summer, as at ten or eleven. To Dinner at two, as at four, five, or fix; and to Supper at eight, as at ten or eleven. And then our Servants too well know, generally, the Times of their Bufiness, and the Hours of their Leisure or Recess; and we, as well as they, shall reap the Benesit of this Regularity. And who knows, my dear, but we may revive the good old Fashion in our Neighbourhood, by this means?——At least, it will be doing our own Parts towards it; and answering the good Lesson I learned at School, Every one mend one. And the worst that will happen will be, that when some of my Brother Rakes, such as those we were broke in upon, so unwelcomely, last Thursday, are got out of the Way, if that can ever be, and fall to confidering whom they shall go to dine with in their Rambles they will only fay, We must not go to him; for his Dinner-time is over; and so they'll referve me, for another Time, when they happen to fuit it better; or perhaps, they will take a Supper and a Bed with me instead of it.

Now, my dearest, continued the kind Man, you see here are more of my Injunctions, as you shall call them; and tho' I will not be so set, as to quarrel if they are not always exactly comply'd with; yet, as I know you won't think them unreasonable, I shall be glad they may as often as they can; and you will give your Orders accordingly, to your Mrs. Jervis, who is a good Woman, and will take Pleasure in obeying you.

O dearest, dear Sir, said I, have you no more of your sweet Injunctions to honour me with? They oblige and improve me at the same time!—What a

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Why, let me fee, my dearest, faid he .- But I think of no more at present. For it would be needless to fay, how much I value you for your Sweetness of temper, and that open Chearfulness of Countenance which adorns you, when nothing has given my fairest Apprehentions for her Virtue: A Sweetness, and a Chearfulness, that prepossesses in your Favour at first Sight, the Mind of every one that beholds you. I need not, I hope, fay, that I would have you diligently preserve this sweet Appearance: Let no thwarting Accident, no cross Fortune, for we must not expect to be exempt from such, happy as we now are in each other!) deprive this sweet Face of this its principal Grace: And when any Thing unpleasing happens, in a quarter of an Hour at farthest, begin to mistrust yourself, and apply to your Glass; and if you see a Gloom arising, or arisen, banish it instantly, smooth your dear Countenance, resume your former Composure; and then, my dearest, whose Heart must always be seen in her Face, and cannot be a Hypocrite, will find this a means to smooth her Passions also; and if the Occafion be too strong for so sudden a Conquest, she will know how to do it more effectually, by repairing to her Closet, and begging that gracious Assistance, which has never yet failed her: and so shall I, my dear, who, as you once, but too justly observ'd, have been too much inculged by my good Mother, have an Example from you, as well as a Pleasure in you which will hardly ever be palled.

One Thing continued he, I have frequently obferved at the Houses of other Gentlemen, that when we have unexpectedly visited, or broke in upon the Family Order, laid down by their Ladies; and especially if any of us have lain under the Suspicion of having occasionally seduced our marry'd Companion into bad Hours, or given indifferent Examples, the poor Gentleman has been oddly affected at our coming; tho' the good Breeding of the Lady has

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made her just keep up Appearances. He has looked so conscious; has been so afraid, as it were, to disoblige; has made so many Excuses for some of us, before we have been accused, as has always shewn me how unwelcome we have been; and how much he is obliged to compound with his Lady for a tolerable Reception of us; and, perhaps, she too, in Proportion to the honest Man's Concern to court her Smiles, has been more reserv'd, stiff and formal; and has behav'd with an Indifference, and Slight, that has often made me wish myself out of ber House; for too plainly have I

feen, that it was not his.

This, my Dear, you will judge by my Description. has afforded me Subject for Animadversion upon the marry'd Life; for a Man may not (tho' in the main, he is willing to flatter himself. that he is Master of his House, and will affert himself upon great Occasions, when his Prerogative is strongly invaded) be always willing to contend; and fuch Women as those I have described are always ready to take the Field, and are worse Enemies than the old Parthians, who annoy most, when they seem to retreat; and never fail to return to the Charge again, and carry on the offensive War, till they have tired out Resistance, and made the Husband willing, like a vanquish'd Enemy, to compound for small Matters, in order to preserve something. At least, the poor Man does not care to let his Friends fee his Cafe, and fo will not provoke a Fire to break out, that, he fees, (and so do his Friends too) the meek Lady has much ado to smoother; and which, very possibly, burns with a most comfortable Ardour, after we are gone.

You smile, my Pamela, said he, at this whimstal Picture; and I am sure, I never shall have Reason to include you in these disagreeable Out-lines; but yet I will say, that I expect from you, whoever comes to my House, that you accustom yourself to one even, uniform Complaitance: That no frown take place on your Brow: That however ill or well provided we may be for their Reception, you shew no Flutter or Discomposure: That whoever you may have in your

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Company at the Time, you fignify not, by the least reserved Look, that the Stranger is come upon you unfeafonably, or at a Time you wish'd not. But be facetious, kind, obliging to all; and if to any one more than another, to such as have the least Reason to expect it from you, or who are most inferior at the Table; for thus will you, my Pamela, chear the doubting Mind, quiet the uneasy Heart, and diffuse Ease,

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And be fure, my dear, continued he, let no little Accidents ruffle your Temper. I shall never forget once that I was at Lady Arthur's; and a Footman happen'd to stumble, and let fall a fine China Dish, and broke it all to pieces: it was grievous to fee the uneafiness it gave the poor Lady. And she was so sincere in it, that she suffer'd it to spread all over the Company, and it was a pretty large one too; and not a Perfon in it, but turn'd either her Consoler, or fell into Stories of the like Misfortunes; and so we all became, for the rest of the Evening, nothing but blundering Footmen, and careless Servants, or were turn'd into broken Jars, Plates, Glasses, Tea-cups, and such like brittle Substance. And it affected me so much, that when I came home, I went to bed, and dreamt that Robin, with the Handle of his Whip, broke the Foreglass of my Chariot; and I was so sollicitous, methought, to keep the good Lady in Countenance for her Anger, that I broke his Head in Revenge, and stabb'd one of my Coach-horfes. And all the Comfort I had when it was done, methought, was, that I had not exposed myself before Company; and there were no Sufferers but guilty Robin, and one innocent Coach-horse; for when my Hand was in, I might as reasonably have killed the other three.

I was exceedingly diverted with these facetions Hints, and the pleasant manner in which he gave them; and I promis'd to improve by the excellent Lel-

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I then went up and dreffed myfelf, as like a Bride as I could, in my best Cloaths, and, on Enquiry sinding my dearest Master was gone to walk in the Garden, I went to find him out. He was reading in the little Alcove; and I said, Sir, am I licens'd to intrude up on you without your Commands?—No, my Dear, said he, because you cannot intrude. I am so wholly yours, that where-ever I am, you have not only a Right to join me; but you do me a very acceptable

Favour at the same time.

I have, Sir, faid I, obey'd your first kind Injunction, as to dressing myself before Dinner; but, may be you are busy. Sir? He put up the Paper he was reading, and faid, I can have no Bufiness or Pleafure of equal Value to your Company, my Dear. What was you going to fay? --- Only, Sir, to know, if you have any more kind Injunctions to give me? ----I could hear you talk a whole Day together. - You are very obliging, Pamela, faid he; but you are so perfectly what I wish, that I might have fpar'd those I gave you; but I was willing you should have a Take of my Freedom with you, to put you upon the like with me. For I am confident there can be no Friendship lasting without Freedom, and without communicating to one another even the little Caprices, if my Pamela can have any fuch, which may be most affecting to us.

Now, my Dear, faid he, be so kind to find some Fault with me, and tell me what you would wish me to do, to appear more agreeable to you. O, Sir, said I, and could have kissed him, but for shame, (To be sure I shall grow a sad fond Hussy!) I have not one single thing to wish for; no, not one!—He saluted me very kindly, and said, he should be sorry if I had, and sorbore to speak it. Do you think, my dear Sir, said I, that your Pamela has no Conscience? Do you think, that because you so kindly oblige her and delight in obliging her, that she must rack her sure vention for Trials of your Goodness, and know not when she is happy!——O my dearest Sir, added I, less than one half of the Fayours you have so generously

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My dear Angel, said he, and kissed me again, I shall be troublesome to you with my Kisses, if you continue thus sweetly obliging, in your Actions and Expressions, O Sir, said I, I have been thinking, as I was dressing myself, what an excellent Example you have given me of the Lessons you teach me. For here, Sir, you are most charmingly dress'd yourself, as you have commanded me, before Dinner.

Then, Sir, when you command me, at your Table, to chear the doubting Mind, and comfort the uneafy Heart, and to behave most kindly to those who have least Reason to expect it, and are most inferior: how sweetly, in every Instance that could possibly occur, have you done this yourself, by your poor, unworthy Pamela, till you have diffused, in your own dear Words, Ease, Pleasure and Tranquility around my glad Heart.

Then again, Sir, when you bid me not be disturbed by little Accidents, or by Strangers coming in upon me unexpectedly, how noble an Instance did you give me of this; when on our dear Wedding-day, the coming of Sir Charles Hargrave, and the other two Gentlemen, (for which you was quite unprovided, and hinder'd our Happing's of dining together on that chosen Day) did not so disturb you, but that you entertained the Gentlemen pleasantly, and parted with them civilly and kindly!—What charming Instances are these, I have been recollecting with Pleasure, of your pursuing the Doctrine you deliver!

My Dear, said he, these Observations are very kind in you, and much to my Advantage: But if I do not always, (for I fear these were too much Accidents) so well pursue the Doctrines I lay down, my Pamela must not expect that my Impersections will be a Plea for her Non-observance of my Lessons, as you call them; for I doubt, I shall never be half so persect as you; and so I cannot permit you to fall back in your Goodness, tho' I may find myself unable to advance, as I ought in my Duty.

I hope, Sir, faid I, by God's Grace, I never shall. I believe it, said he; but I only mention this, knowing my own Defects, lest my future Lessons should not be so well warranted by my Practice, as in the Instan-

ces you have kindly recollected.

He was pleased to take Notice of my Dress, and spanning my Waste with his Hands said, What a fweet Shape is here! it would make one regret to lose it; and yet, my beloved Pamela, I shall think nothing but that loss wanting, to complete my Happiness! I put my bold Hand before his Mouth, and faid, Hush, hush! O fie, Sir! The freest thing you have ever yet faid, fince I have been yours !my Hand, and faid, fuch an innocent wish, my Dearest, may be permitted me, because it is the End of the Institution.—But say, would such a Case be unwelcome to my Pamela?—I will fay, Sir, faid I, and hid my blushing Face on his Bosom, that your Wishes, in every thing, shall be mine; but pray, Sir, say no more!---He kindly faluted me, and thanked me, and changed the Subject——I was not too free I hope !

Thus we talked, till we heard the Coaches; and then he faid, Stay here, in the Garden, my Dear, and I'll bring the Company to you. And when he was gone, I passing by the Back-door, kneeled down against it, and blessed God for not permitting my then so much desired Escape. I went to the Pond, and kneeled down on the mossy Bank, and again blessed God there, for his Mercy in my Escape from myself, my then worst Enemy, tho' I thought I had none but Enemies, and no Friend near me. And so I ought to do in almost every Step of this Garden, and every Room in this House!——And I was bending my Steps to the dear little Chappel to make my Acknowledgment there;

but I faw the Company coming towards me.

Miss Darnford said, So, Miss! how do you do now? O, you look so easy, so sweetly, so pleased, that I know you'll let me dance at your Wedding; for I shall long to be there. Lady Jones was pleased to say, I look'd like an Angel. And Mrs. Peters said, I improved

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Mr. Peters said, foftly, God bless you, dear Daughter! -But not fo much as my Wife knows it. -Sir Simon came in last, and took me by the Hand, and said, 'Squire B. by your Leave. And kissed my Hand five or fix times, as if he was mad; and held it with both his, and made a very free Jest, by way of Compliment. in his Way. Well, I think a young Rake is hardly tolerable; but an old Rake, and an old Beau, are two very fad Things !- And all this before Daughters Women-grown !- I whilper'd my Dearest, a little after, and faid, I shall suffer much from Sir Simon's rude Jokes, by-and-by, when you reveal the Matter! -'Tis his way, my Dear, faid he; you must now grow above these things.—Mils Nanny Darnford said to me, with a fort of half-grave, ironical Air, -Well, Miss, if I may judge by your easy Deportment now, to what it was when I last faw you, I hope you let my Sister, if you won't me, see the happy Knot ty'd! For the is quite wild about it.—I curcheed, and only faid, You, you are all very good to me, Ladies. ---Mr. Peters's Niece said, Well, Miss, I hope, before we part, we shall be told the happy Day. My good Master heard her, and said, you shall, you shall, Madam ! -That's pure! faid Miss Darnford.

He took me aside, and said, softly, Shall I lead them to the Alcove, and tell them there, or stay till we go in to Dinner?—Neither, Sir, I think, faid I; I fear I shan't stand it.—Nay, said he, they must know it; I would not have invited them elfe.—Why, then, Sir, faid I, let it alone till they are going away.-Then, reply'd he, you must pull off your King. No, no, Sir, faid I, that I must not.—Well, said he, do you tell Miss Darnford of it yourself. Indeed, Sir,

aniwer'd I, I cannot.

Mrs. Jewkes came officiously to ask my Master, just then, if she should bring a Glass of Rhenish and Sugar before Dinner for the Gentlemen and Ladies; and he said, That's well thought of; bring it, Mrs. Jewkes,

And she came with Nan attending her, with two Bottles and Glasses, and a Salver; and must needs, making a low Curchee, offer first to me, saying, Will your Ladyship begin? I colour'd like Scarlet, and said No;—my Master, to be sure!

But they all took the Hint; and Miss Darnford faid, I'll be hang'd if they have not stole a Wedding. Said Mrs. Peters, it must be certainly so! Ah! Mr.

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I'll affure you, faid he, I have not marry'd them. Where were you, faid she, and Mr. Williams, last Thursday Morning? Said Sir Simon, let me alone, let me alone; if any thing has been stolen, I'll find it out; I'm a Justice of the Peace, you know. And so he took me by the Hand, and said, Come, Madam, answer me, by the Oath you have taken: Are you married or not?

My Master smiled to see me look so like a Fool; and I said, Pray, Sir Simon!——Ay, ay, said he, I thought you did not look so smirking upon us for nothing——Well then, Pamela, said my Master, since your Blushes discover you, don't be ashamed,

but confess the Truth !

Now, said Miss Darnford, I am quite angry. And said Lady Darnford, I am quite pleas'd; let me give you Joy, dear Madam, if it be so. And so they all said, and saluted me round.—I was vexed it was before Mrs. Jewkes; for she shook her fat Sides, and seem'd highly pleas'd to be a Means of discovering it.

Nobody, said my Master, wishes me Joy. No, said Lady Jones, very obligingly, nobody need; for with such a peerless Spouse, you want no good Wishes!—And he saluted them; and when he came last to me, said, before them all, Now, my sweet Bride, my Pamela, let me conclude with you; for here I began to love, and here I desire to end loving, but not till my Life ends.

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This was sweetly said, and taken great Notice of; and it was doing Credit to his own generous Choice, and vastly more than I merited.

But I was forced to stand many snore Jokes afterwards. For Sir Simon said, several times, Come, come, Madam, now you are become one of us, I shall be a little less scrupulous than I have been, I'll assure

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When we came in to Dinner, I made no Difficulty of what all offer'd me, the Upper-end of the Table; and perform'd the Honours of it with pretty tolerable Presence of Mind, considering. And, with much ado, my good Benefactor promising to be down again before Winter, we got off the Ball; but appointed Tuesday Evening, at Lady Darnford's, to take Leave of all this good Company, who promised to be there, my Master designing to set out on Wednesday Morning for Bedfordshire.

We had Prayers in the little Chappel, in the Afternoon; but they all wished for the good Clerk again, with great Encomiums upon you, my dear Father; and the Company staid Supper also, and departed exceeding well satisfied, and with abundance of Wishes for the Continuance of our mutual Happiness; and my Master desired Mr. Peters to answer for him to the Ringers at the Town, if they should hear of it, till our Return into this Country, and that then he would be bountiful to them, because he would not publickly declare it till he had sirft done so in Bedfordsbire.

MONDAY, the fifth Day.

Have had a very little of my dear Friend's Company this Day; for he only staid Breakfast with me, and rid out to see a sick Gentleman about eighteen Miles off, who begg'd (by a Man and Horse on purpose) to speak with him, believing he should not recover, and upon Part of whose Estate my Master has a Mortgage. He said, My Dearest, I shall be very uneasy, if I am obliged to tarry all Night from you; but, lest you should be alarm'd, if I don't come home

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by Ten, don't expect me: For poor Mr. Carlton and I have pretty large Concerns together, and if he should be very ill, and would be comforted by my Presence, (as I know he loves me, and his Family will be more in my Power if he dies, than I wish for) Charity will not let me resuse.

It is now Ten o' Clock at Night, and I fear he will not return. I fear for the fake of his poor fick Friend. who I doubt is worfe. Tho' I know not the Gentleman, I am forry for his own fake, for his Family's Take, and for my dear Master's sake, who by his kind Expressions I find loves him: And methinks I should be forry any Grief should touch his generous Heart; tho' yet there is no living in this World, without too many Occasions for Concern, even in the most prosperous State. And it is fit it should be so; or else poor Wretches as we are! we should look no further, but be like fenfual Travellers on a Journey homeward, who, meeting with good Entertainment at some Inn on the Way, put up their Rest there, and never think of pursuing their Journey to their proper Home.— This I remember was often a Reflection of my good Lady's to whom I owe it.

Eleven o' Clock.

M RS. Jewkes has been with me, and ask'd if I will have her for a Bedfellow in want of a better? I said, I thank'd her; but I would see how

it was to lie by myself one Night.

I might have mention'd, that I made Mrs. Jewker dine and sup with me, and she was much pleas'd with it, and my Behaviour to her. And I could see by her Manner, that she was a little struck inwardly at some of her former Conduct to me. But, poor Wretch, it is, I much sear, because I am what I am; for she has otherwise very little Remorfe, I doubt.—Her Talk and Actions are intirely different from what they us'd to be, quite circumspect and decent; and I should have thought her virtuous, and even pious, had I never known her in another Light.

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By this, we may fee, my dear Father and Mother, of what Force Example is; and what is in the Power of the Heads of Families to do : And this shews, that evil Examples in Superiors, are doubly pernicious, and doubly culpable, because such Persons are bad themselves, and not only do no Good, but much Harm to others; and the Condemnation of such must, to be sure, be so much the greater !- And how much the greater fill must my Condemnation be, who have had such a religious Education under you, and been fo well nurtur'd by my good Lady, if I should forget, with all these Mercies heap'd upon me, what belongs to the Station God has preferr'd me to !—Oh how I long to be doing some Good! For all that is past yet, is my dear, dear Master's; God bless him! and return him fafe to my Wishes; for methinks already 'tis a Week fince I faw him! If my Love would not be troublesome and impertinent, I should be nothing else; for I have a true grateful Spirit, and I had need to have such a one; for I am poor in every thing but Will.

TUESDAY Morning, Eleven o'Clock.

My dear, dear—Master (I'm sure I should still say; but I will learn to rise to a softer Epithet, now and then) is not yet come. I hope he is safe and well!

So Mrs Jewkes and I went to Breakfast. But I can do nothing but talk and think of him, and all his Kindness to me, and to you, which is still me, more intimately!—I have just receiv'd a Letter from him, which he wrote Over-night, as I find by it, and sent early the next Morning. This is a Copy of it.

To Mrs. ANDREWS.

My dearest, PAMELA, Monday Night.

Hope my not coming home this Night will not frighten you. You may believe I can't help it. My poor Friend is fo very ill, that I doubt he can't recover. His Desires to have me stay with him are so strong, that I shall sit up all Night with him, as it is now near one o' Clock in the Morning; for he

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" can't bear me out of his Sight; And I have made · him and his diffres'd Wife and Children so easy, in

• the kindest Assurances I could give him, of my Con-

· fideration for him and them, that I am look'd upon (as the poor disconsolate Widow, as she, I doubt, will

foon be, tells me) as their good Angel. I could

have wish'd we had not engag'd to the good Neigh.

· bourhood at Sir Simon's for to-morrow Night; but I

am fo defirous to fet out on Wednesday for the other · House, that, as well as in Return for the Civilities

of fo many good Friends, who will be there on Pur-

pose, I would not put it off. What I beg of you,

· therefore my Dear, is, that you would go in the

· Chariot to Sir Simon's, the sooner in the Day the

better, because you will be diverted with the Com-

pany, who all so much admire you; and I hope to join you there by your Tea-time in the Afternoon,

which will be better than going home, and returning

with you, as it will be fix Miles Difference to me;

and I know the good Company will excuse my Dress

on the Occasion. I count every Hour of this little

· Absence for a Day; for I am, with the utmost

Sincerity,

" My dear eft Love,

For ever Yours, &c.

If you could go to dine with them, it will be a Freedom that would be very pleafing to them,

and the more, as they don't expect it'.

I began to have a little Concern lest his Fatigue should be too great, and for the poor fick Gentleman and Family; but told Mrs. Jewkes, that the least Intimation of his Choice should be a Command to me, and to I would go to Dinner there; and order'd the Chariot to be got ready to carry me; when a Messen ger came up, just as I was dress'd, to tell her, she mut come down immediately. I see at the Window, that Visitors are come; for there is a Chariot and fix Horles, the Company gone out of it, and three Footmen

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Good firs,! how unlucky this is! What shall I do? -Here is Lady Davers come; her ownfelf! And my kind Protector a great, great many Miles off .-Mrs. Jewkes out of Breath comes and tells me this. and fays she is inquiring for my Master and me. She ask'd her it seems, naughty Lady as she is, if I was whor'd yet! There's a Word for a Lady's Mouth!-Mrs. Tewkes fays, the knew not what to answer. And my Lady faid, She is not marry'd, I hope? And, faid she, I said, No; because you have not own'd it yet publickly. My Lady faid, That was well enough. Said I, I will run away, Mrs. Jewkes; and let the Chariot go to the Bottom of the Elm-walk, and I will fleal out of the Door unperceiv'd.—But, faid she, she is inquiring for you, Madam, and I faid you was within, but going out; and she said, she would see you presently, as soon as she could have Patience. did she call me, said I? The Creature, Madam: I will fee the Creature, faid she, as soon as I can have Patience. Ay, but faid I, the Creature won't let her, if the can help it.

Pray, Mrs. Jewkes, favour my Escape for this once, for I am sadly frighted.—Said she, I'll bid the Chariot go down as you order, and wait till you come; and I'll step down, and shut the Hall-door, that you may pass down unobserv'd; for she sits cooling herself in the Parlour over-against the Stair-case. That's a good Mrs. Jewkes! said I: But who has she with her? Her Woman, said she, and her Nephew; but he is on Horseback, and is gone into the Stables; and they have three Footmen.—And I wish, said I, they were all three hundred Miles off!—What shall I do! So I wrote thus far, and wait impatiently to hear the Coast

is clear.

Mrs. Jewkes tell me, I must come down, or she will come up. What does she call me now? said I. Wench, Madam. Bid the Wench come down to me. And her Nephew, and her Woman are with her.

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Said I, I can't go, and that's enough !- You might contrive it that I might get out, if you would --deed, Madam, faid the, I cannot; for, I went to flut the Door, and she bid me let it stand open; and there the fits over against the Stair Case. Then, said I, I'll get out of the Window, I think !- (and fann'd myfelf) for I am fadly frighted. Laud, Madam, faid fhe, I wonder you so much disturb yourself !- You're on the right Side the Hedge, I'm fure; and I would not be fo discompos'd for any body. Ay, said I, but who can help Conftitution? I dare fay you would no more be fo discompos'd than I can help it. Said she, Indeed Madam, if it was to me, I would put on an Air a Mistress of the House, as you are, and go and salute her Ladyship, and bid her welcome. Ay, ay, reply'd I, fine Talking!—But how unlucky this is, your good Master is not at home!

What Answer shall I give her, said she, to her desiring to see you?—Tell her, said I, I am sick a-bed; I'm dying, and must not be disturb'd; I'm gone out,

-or any thing !

But her Woman came up to me, just as I had utter'd this, and said, How do you do Mrs. Pamela? My Lady desires to speak with you. So I must go.—Sure she won't beat me!—O that my dear Protector was at home!

Well, now, I will tell you all that happen'd in this frightful Interview.——And very bad it was.

I went down, drefs'd as I was, and my Gloves on, and my Fan in my Hand, to be just ready to get into the Chariot, when I could get away; and I thought all my trembling fits had been over now; but I was mistaken, for I trembled fadly. Yet resolved to put on as good an Air as I could.

So I went to the Parlour, and faid making a very low Curchee, Your Servant, my good Lady! And your Servant again faid she, my Lady; for I think

you are dress'd out like one.

A charming Girl tho', faid her rakish Nephew, and swore a great Oath; dear Aunt, forgive me, but I must kiss her, and was coming to me. And I sai, Forbes,

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Well, Child, said she, sneeringly, how dost find thyself? — Thou'rt mightily come on of late! — I hear strangeReports about thee! — Thou'rt almost got into a Fool's Paradise, I doubt!—And wilt find thy self terribly mistaken in a little while, if thou thinkest my Brother will disgrace his Family to humour thy Babysace!

I see said I, sadly vex'd, (her Woman and Nephew smiling by) your Ladyship has no very important Commands for me, and I beg Leave to withdraw. Beck, said she to her Woman, shut the Door; my young Lady and I must not have done so soon.

Where's your well-manner'd Deceiver gone, Child? fays she.—Said 1, when your Ladyship is pleas'd to speak intelligibly, I shall know how to answer.

Well, but my dear Child, said she in Drollery, don't be too pert neither, I beseech thee. Thou wilt not find thy Master's Sister half so ready to take thy Freedoms, as thy mannerly Master is!—So, a little of that Modesty and Humility that my Mother's waiting-maid used to shew, will become thee better than the Airs thou givest thyself, since my Mother's Son has taught thee to forget thyself?

I would beg, faid I, one Favour of your Ladyship, that if you would have me keep my Distance, you will not forget your own Degree.—Why, suppose, Miss Pert, I should forget my Degree, wouldn't thou not keep thy Distance then?

If you, Madam said I, lessen the Distance yourself, you will descend to my Level, and make an Equality, which I don't presume to think of; for I can't descend lower than I am,—at least in your Ladyship's Esteem!

Did I not tell you, Jackey, faid she, that I should have a Wit to talk to?——He, who swears like a Gentleman, at every Word, rapt out an Oath, and said,

faid, drolling, I think, Mrs. Pemela, if I may be for bold as to fay fo, you should know you are speaking to Lady Davers!—Sir, said I, I hope there was no Need for your Information, and so I can't thank you for it; especially as you seem to think it wants an Oath to convince me of it.

He look'd more foolish than I at this, if possible, not expecting such a Reprimand.—And said at last, Why, Mrs. Pamela, you put me half out of Countenance with your witty Reproof!—Sir, said I, you seem quite a fine Gentleman, and it will not be easily done,

I dare fay.

How now, Pertones, faid my Lady, do you know who you talk to?—I think I do not, Madam, reply'd I: And, for fear I should forget myself more, I'll withdraw. Your Ladyship's Servant, said I, and was going: But she rose, and gave me a Push, and pull'd a Chair, and setting the Back against the Door, sat down in it.

Well, faid I, I can bear any thing at your Ladyship's Hands; but I was ready to cry tho'. And I went, and sat down, and fann'd myself at the other

End of the Room.

Her Woman, who stood all the Time, said softly, Mrs. Pamela you should not sit in my Lady's Presence. And my Lady, tho' she did not hear her, said, You shall sit down, Child, in the Room where I am, when

I give you Leave.

So I stood up, and said, When your Ladyship will hardly permit me to stand, one might be indulg'd to sit c'own. But I ask'd you, said she, Whither your Master is gone? To one Mr. Carlton, Madam, said, about eighteen Miles off, who is very sick. And when does he come home?—This Evening Madam, said I. And where are you going?—To a Gentleman's House in the Town, Madam. And how was you to go?—In the Chariot, Madam:—Why you must be a Lady in time, to be sure!—I believe you'd become a Chariot mighty well, Child!—Was you ever out in it with your Master?

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So I could no longer refrain Tears, but faid, pray your Ladyship, let me ask what I have done to be thus severely treated? I never did your Ladyship any Harm. And if you think I am deceived, as you was pleas'd to hint, I should be more intitled to your Pity than

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She arose, and took me by the Hand, and led me to her Chair, and then sat down; and still holding my Hand, said, Why, Pamela, I did indeed pity you while I thought you innocent; and when my Brother seiz'd you, and brought you down hither, without your Confent, I was concern'd for you. And I was still more concern'd for you, and lov'd you, when I heard of your Virtue and Resistance, and your virtuous Efforts to get away from him. But when, as I fear, you have suffer'd yourself to be prevail'd upon, and have lost your Innocence, and added another to the Number of the Fools he has ruin'd (This shock'd me a little) I cannot help shewing my Displeasure to you.

Madam, reply'd I, I must beg no hasty Judgment; I have not lost my Innocence!—Take care, take care, Pamela, said she!—Don't lose your Veracity, as well as your Honour!—Why are you here, when you are at full Liberty to go whither you please?—I will make one Proposal to you, and if you are innocent, I am sure you'll accept it. Will you go and live with me?—I will instantly set out with you in my Chariot, and not stay half an Hour longer in this House, if you'll go with me.—Now if you're innocent, and

willing to keep fo, deny me if you can.

I am innocent, Madam, reply'd I, and willing to keep so; and yet I cannot consent to this. Then, said she, very mannerly, Thou lyest, Child, that's all;

and I give thee up!

And so she arose, and walk'd about the Room in great Wrath. Her Nephew and her Woman said, You. II.

Your Ladyship's very good; 'tis a plain Case; a very

plain Case!

I would have remov'd the Chair, to have gone out, but her Nephew came and fat in it. This provok'd Me; for I thought I should be unworthy of the Honour I was rais'd to, tho' I was afraid to own it, if I did not shew some Spirit; and I said, What, Sir, is your Pretence in this House, to keep me a Prisoner here? Because, said he,—I like it.—Do you so, Sir? reply'd I; if that's the Answer of a Gentleman to such a one as I, it would not, I dare say, be the Answer of a Gentleman to a Gentleman.—My Lady! my Lady! said he, a Challenge, a Challenge by Gad! No, Sir, said I, I am of a Sex that gives no Challenges; and you think so too, or you would not give this Ocasion for the World.

Said my Lady, Don't be surpris'd Nephew; the Wench could not talk thus, if she had not been her Master's Bed-sellow.—Pamela, Pamela, said she, and tapp'd me on the Shoulder, two or three times, in Anger, thou hast lost thy innocence, Girl; and thou hast got some of thy bold Master's Assurance, and art sit to go any-whither.—Then, and please your Ladyship, said I, I am unworthy of your Presence, and de-

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No, reply'd she, I will know first what Reason you can give for not accepting my Proposal, if you are innocent? I can give, said I, a very good one; but I beg to be excus'd. I will hear it, said she. Why then answer'd I, I should perhaps have less Reason to like

this Gentleman, than where I am.

Well then, faid she, I'll put you to another Trial. I'll set out this Moment with you to your Father and Mother, and give you up safe to them. What do you say to that?——Ay Mrs. Pamela, said her Nephew, now what does your innocence say to that?——'Fore Gad, Madam, you have puzzled her now.

Be pleas'd, Madam, faid I, to call off this fine General. Your Kindness in these Proposals makes me hope you will not have me baited. I'll be d—faid he, if she does not make me a Bull-dog! Why she'll

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Jackey, be quiet, faid my Lady. You only give her a Pretence to evade my Questions. Come, answer me, Pamela. I will, Madam, faid I, and it is thus: I have no Occasion to be beholden to your Ladyship for this Honour; for I am to fet out to-morrow Morning on the way to my Parents. Now again, thou lyeft. Wench—I am not of Quality, faid I, to answer to fuch Language—Once again, faid she, provoke me not, by these Reflections, and this Pertness; if thou doft, I shall do something by thee unworthy of myfelf. That, thinks I, you have done already; but I ventur'd not to fay fo. But who is to carry you, faid he, to your Father and Mother? Who my Master pleases, Madam, said I. Ay, said she, I doubt not, thou wilt do every thing he pleases, if thou hast not already. Why now tell me, Pamela, from thy Heart, hast thou not been in Bed with thy Master? Ha, Wench !—I was quite shock'd at this, and faid, I wonder how your Ladyship can use me thus !- I am sure you can expect no Answer; and my Sex, and my tender Years, might exempt me from such Treatment, with a Person of your Ladyship's Birth and Quality, and who, be the Distance ever so great, is of the same Sex with me.

Thou art a confident Wench, faid she, I see!——Pray, Madam, said I, let me beg you to permit me to go. I am waited for in the Town to Dinner. No, reply'd she, I can't spare you, and whoever you are to go to, will excuse you, when they are told 'tis I that commands you not to go!—and you may excuse it too, young Lady Wou'd be, if you consider that 'tis the unexpected coming of your late Lady's Daughter, and your Master's Sister, that commands your stay.

But a Pre-engagement, your Ladyship will consider, is something!—Ay, so it is; but I know not what Reason Waiting Maids have to assume these Airs of Pre-engagements!—Oh Pamela, Pamela, I am sorry for thy thus aping thy Betters, and giving thyself

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fuch Airs; I fee thou'rt quite spoil'd! Of a modest, innocent Girl, that thou wast, and humble too, thou now are sit for nothing in the World, but what I sear thou art.

Why, please your Ladyship, said her Kinsman, what signifies all you say? The Matter's over with her, no doubt; and she likes it; and she is in a Fairy-dream, and 'tis pity to awaken her before her Dream's out.—Bad as you take me to be, Madam, said I, I am not used to such Language or Reslections as this Gentleman

gives me; and I won't bear it.

Well Jackey, said she, be filent; and shaking her Head, Poor Girl, said she!——What a sweet Innocence is here destroy'd!——A thousand Pities!——I could cry over her, if that would do her good! But she is quite lost, quite undone; and then has assum'd a Carriage upon it, that all those Creatures are distinguish'd by!——

I cry'd fadly for Vexation; and faid, fay what you pleafe, Madam: If I can help it, I will not answer

another Word.

Mrs. Jewkes came in and ak'd, if her Ladyship was ready for Dinner. She said, Yes. I would have gone out with her, but my Lady said, taking my Hand, she could not spare me. And, Miss, said she, you may pull off your Gloves, and lay your Fan by, for you shan't go; and if you behave well, you shall wait upon me at Dinner, and then I shall have a little further Talk with you.

Mrs. Jewkes faid to me, Madam, may I speak one Word with you?—I can't tell Mrs. Jewkes, said I; for my Lady holds my Hand, and you see I am a kind

of Prisoner.

What you have to fay, Mrs. Jewkes, faid she, you may speak before me. But she went out, and seem'd vex'd for me; and she says, I look'd like the very Scarlet.

The Cloath was laid in another Parlour, and for three Persons, and she led me in: Come my little Dear, said the, with a Sneer, I'll hand you in, and I wou'd have you think it as well as if it was my Brother.

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Mrs. Jewkes coming in with the first Dish, she said, Do you expect any body else, Mrs. Jewkes, that you lay the Cloath for three?—Said she, I hop'd your Ladyship and Madam would have been so well reconcil'd, that she would have sat down too—What means the clownish Woman? said my Lady in great Disdain: Could you think the Creature should sit down with me,—She does, Madam, and please your Ladyship with my Master.——I doubt it not, good Woman, said she, and lyes with him too, does she not? Answer me, Fatface!——How these Ladies are privileg'd!

If the does, Madam, faid the, there may be a Reafon for it, perhaps! And went out.—So, faid she, has the Wench got thee over too !--- Come my little Dear, pull off thy Gloves, I fay; and off the pull'd my Left Glove herself, and 'spy'd my Ring. O my dear God! faid she, if the Wench has not got a Ring!—Well, this is a pretty Piec of Foolery, indeed! Dost know, my Friend, that thou art miserably trick'd!——And fo, poor innocent, thou hast made a fine Exchange, hast thou not? Thy Honesty for this Bauble! And I'll warrant, my little dear has topp'd her part, and paraded it like any real Wife; and so mimicks still the Condition !-----Why, said she and turn'd me round, thou art as mincing as any Bride! No wonder thou art thus trick'd out, and talkest of thy Pre-engagements! Prythee, Child, walk before me to that Glass, survey thyself, and come back to me, that I may see how finely thou canst act the Theatrical Part given thee!

I was then refolv'd to try to be filent; although most fadly vex'd.—So I went and sat me down in the Window, and she took her Place at the upper End of the Table; and her sawcy Jackey, sleering at me most provokingly, sat down by her.—Said he, Shall not the Bride sit down by us, Madam? Ay, well thought of, said my Lady: Pray, Mrs. Bride, your Pardon for sitting down in your Place?—I said

nothing.

Said she, with a poor Pun, thou hast some Modefty, however, Child! For thou canst not stand it, fo must fit down, tho' in my Presence !--- I still kept my Seat, and faid nothing. — Thinks I, this is a fad Thing, and I am hinder'd too from shewing my Duty where it is most due, and shall have Anger there too, may be, if my dear Master should be there before me!-So she eat some Soup, as did her Kinsman; and then as she was cutting up a Fowl, said, if thou long'st, my little Dear, I will help thee to a Pinion, or Breaft, or any thing. But may-be, Child, faid he, thou likest the Rump, shall I bring it thee? And then laugh'd like an Idiot, for all he is a Lord's Son, and may be a Lord himself.—For he is the Son of the Lord—; and his Mother, who was Lord Da. wers's Sister, being dead, he has received what Education he has, from Lord Davers's Direction. Poor Wretch! for all his Greatness! he'll ne'er die for a Plot,—at least of his own hatching. If I could then have gone up, I would have given you his Picture. But for one of 25 or 26 Years of Age, much about the Age of my dear Maiter, he is a most odd Mortal.

Pamela, said my Lady, help me to a Glass of Wine. No Beck, said she, you sha'n't; for she was offering to do it. I will have my Lady Bride confer that Honour upon me; and then I shall see if she can stand up. I was silent and never stirr'd.

Dost hear Chastity? said she. Help me to a Glass of Wine, when I bid thee.—What! not slir! Then I'll come and help thee to one. Still I stirr'd not, and fanning myself, continu'd silent. Said slie, When I

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I was fo vex'd, I bit a Piece of my Fan out, not knowing what I did; but still I said nothing, and did

nothing but flutter it, and fan myfelf.

I believe, faid she, my next Question will make up half a dozen; and then, modest-ones, I shall be intitled to an Answer.

He arose, and brought the Bottle and Glass, come, said he, Mrs. Bride, be pleas'd to help my Lady, and I will be your Deputy. Sir, reply'd I, it is in a good Hand; help my Lady yourself.—Why, Creature, said she, dost thou think thyself above it?—And then slew into a Passion, Insolence! continued she this Moment, when I bid you, know your Duty, and give me a Glass of Wine; or—

So, I took a little Spirit then—thinks I, I can but be beat—If, faid I, to attend your Ladyship at Table, or even kneel at your Feet, was requir'd of me, I would most gladly do it, were I the only Person you think me, but, if it be to triumph over one who has received Honours, that she thinks requires her to act another Part, not to be utterly unworthy of them, I must say, I cannot do it.

She seem'd quite surpriz'd, and look'd now upon her Kinsman, and then upon her Woman.—I'm astonish'd! I'm quite astonish'd! Well then, I suppose you would have me conclude you my Brother's Wise; wou'd you

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Your Ladyship, said I, compels this from me!—Well, return'd she, but dost thou thyself think thou art so?—Silence, said her Kinsman, gives Consent. 'Tis plain enough she does. Shall I rise, Madam, and pay my Duty to my new Aunt?

Tell me, said my Lady, what, in the Name of Impudence, possesses thee, to dare to look upon thyself as my Sister?—Madam, reply'd I, that is a Question will better become your most worthy Brother to an-

fwer, than me?

She was rifing in great Wrath; but her Woman faid, good your Ladythip; you'll do yourfelf more Harm than her; and if the poor Girl has been deluded fo, as you have heard, with the Sham-marriage, she'll be more deserving of your Ladyship's Pity than Anger. True, Beck, very true, faid my Lady; but there's no bearing the Impudence of the Creature mean-time.

I would have gone out at the Door, but her Kins man run and fet his Back against it. I expected bad Treatment from her Pride and violent Temper; but this was worse than I could have thought of. And I faid to him, Sir, when my Master comes to know your rude Behaviour, you will, may-be, have Cause to repent it. And went and fat down in the Window again.

Another Challenge, by Gad! faid he; but I am glad she says her Master!—You see, Madam, she herself does not believe she is marry'd, and so has not been so much deluded as you think for. And coming to me with a most barbarous Air of Insult, he faid, kneeling on one Knee before me; my new Aunt your Bleffing, or your Curse, I care not which; but quickly give me one or other, that I may not lote my

Dinner!

I gave him a most contemptuous Look: Tinsel'd Toy, faid I, (for he was lac'd all over) twenty or thirty Years hence, when you are at Age, I shall know how to answer you better; mean time, sport with your Footmen, and not me! And fo I remov'd to another Window nearer the Door, and he look'd

like a fad Fool as he is.

Beck, Beck, faid my Lady, this is not to be borne! Was ever the like heard! Is my Kinfman and Lord Davers's to be thus used by such a Slut? And was coming to me: And indeed I began to be afraid; for I have but a poor Heart, after all. But Mrs. Jewkes, hearing high Words, came in again, with the fecond Course, and faid, pray your Ladyship don't so discompose yourself. I am afraid this Day's Business will make Matters wider than ever between doat N was with I

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Woman, faid she, do thou be filent! Sure, I, that was born in this House, may have some Privilege in it, without being talk'd to by the saucy Servants in it.

I beg Pardon, Madam, reply'd Mrs. Jewkes; and turning to me, faid, Madam, my Master will take it very ill, if you make him wait for you thus. So I rose to go out; but my Lady said, if it was only for that Reason she sha'n't go.—And went to the Door, and shut it, and said to Mrs. Jewkes, Woman, don't come again till I call you; and coming to me, took my Hand, and said, find your Legs, Miss, if you please.

I stood up, and she tapp'd my Cheek! Oh! says she, that scarlet Glow shews what a rancorous little Heart thou hast, if thou durst shew it; but come this way. And so led me to her Chair: Stand there, said she, and answer me a few Questions while I dine, and I'll dismiss thee, till I call thy impudent Master to Account; and then I'll have you Face to Face, and all this Mystery of Iniquity shall be unravell'd; for between you, I will come to the Bottom of it.

When she had sat down, I moved to the Window on the other Side the Parlour, looking into the private Garden; and her Woman said, Mrs. Pamela, don't make my Lady angry. Stand by her Ladyship, as the bids you. Said I, pray, good now, let it suffice you to attend your Lady's Commands, and don't lay yours upon me. Your Pardon, sweet Mrs. Pamela, faid she. Times are much alter'd with you, I'll affure you! Said I, her Ladyship has a very good Pleato be free in the House that she was born in. But you may as well confine your Freedoms to the House in which you had your Breeding. Why, how now, Mrs. Pamela, faid she! Since you provoke me to it, Ill tell you a piece of my Mind. Hush, hush, good Woman, said I, alluding to my Lady's Language to Mrs. Jewkes; my Lady wants not your Assistance!-Beside, I can't scold!

The Woman was ready to stutter with Vexation; and Lord Jackey laugh'd as if he would burst his Sides; G—d—me, Beck, said he, you'd better let her alone to my Lady here; for she'll be too many for twenty such as you and 1.——And then he laugh'd again, and repeated—I can't foold, quoth-a! but, by Gad, Miss, you can speak d—d sprightful Words, I can tell you that!—Poor Beck! poor Beck! Fore

Gad. she's quite dumb-founder'd!

Well, but, Pamela, said my Lady, come hither, and tell me truly: Dost thou think thyself really marry'd?
—Said I, and approach'd her Chair, my good Lady, I will answer all your Commands, if you'll have Patience with me, and not be so angry as you are; but I can't bear to be us'd thus by this Gentleman, and your Ladyship's Woman. Child, said she, thou art very impertinent to my Kinsman; thou can'st not be civil to me; and my Ladyship's Woman is much thy Betters. But that's not the Thing!—Dost thou think thou art really marry'd?

I see, Madam, said I, you are resolv'd not to be pleas'd with any Answer I shall return: If I should say, I am not, then your Ladyship will call me hard Names, and perhaps I should tell a Fib If I should say, I am, your Ladyship will ask how I have the Impudence to be so,—and will call it a Shammarriage. I will, said she, be answer'd more directly. Why, what, and please your Ladyship, does it signify what I think? Your Ladyship will believe as

you please.

But canst thou have the Vanity, the Pride, the Folly, said she, to think thyself actually marry'd to my Brother? He is no Fool, Child; and Libertine enough of Conscience; and thou art not the first in the List of his credulous Harlots.—Well, well, said I, (and was in a sad Flutter) as I am easy and pleas'd with my Lot, pray your Ladyship let me continue so, as long as I can. It will be time enough for me to know the worst, when the worst comes. And if it will be so bad your Ladyship should pity me, rather than thus torment me before my Time.

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Well, said she, but dost not think I am concern'd that a young Wench, whom my poor dear Mother lov'd so well, should thus cast herself away, and suffer herself to be deluded and undone, after such a noble Stand as thou mad'st for so long a Time?

I think myself far from being deluded and undone, and please your Ladyship, and am as innocent and virtuous as ever I was in my Life. Thou lyest, Child, said she. So your Ladyship told me twice

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She gave me a Slap on the Hand for this; and I made a low Curchee, and faid, I humbly thank your Ladyship!—But I could not refrain Tears. And added, your dear Brother, Madam, however, won't thank your Ladyship for this Usage of me, tho' I do. Come a little nearer me, my Dear, said she, and thou shalt have a little more than that to tell him of. if thou think'st thou hast not made mischief enough already between a Sister and a Brother. But, Child, if he was here, I would serve thee worse, and him too. I wish he was, said I,—Dost thou threaten me, Mischiefmaker, and insolent as thou art?

Now, pray your Ladyship, said I, (but got to a little Distance) be pleas'd to reslect upon all that you have said to me, since I have had the Honour, or rather Missortune, to come into your Presence; whether you have said one Thing besitting your Ladyship's Degree to me, even supposing I was the Wench, and the Creature, you suppose me to be?——Come hither, my pert Dear, reply'd she; but come within my Reach for one Moment, and I'll answer thee as thou

deservest.

To be fure she meant to box my Ears. But I should be unworthy my happy Lot, if I could not shew some

Spirit.

When the Cloath was taken away, I faid, I suppose I may now depart your Presence, Madam? I suppose not, said she. Why, I'll lay thee a Wager, Child, thy Stomach's too full to eat, and so thou may'it fast thy mannerly Master comes home.

Pray your Ladyship, said her Woman, let the poor Girl sit down at Table with Mrs. Jewkes and me.—Said I, you are very kind, Mrs. Worden; but Times, as you said, are much alter'd with me; and I have been of late so much honour'd by better Company.

that I can't floop to yours.

Was ever such Considence, said my Lady! Poor Beck, poor Beck, said her Kinsman; why, she beats you quite out of the Pit!—Will your Ladyship, said I, be pleased to tell me how long I am to tarry? For you'll please to see by that Letter, that I am oblig'd to attend my Master's Commands. And so I gave her the dear Gentleman's Letter from Mr. Carlton's, which I thought would make her use me better, as she might judge by it of the Honour done me by him. Ay, said she, this is my worthy Brother's Hand. It is directed to Mrs. Andrews's, That's to you, I suppose, Child? And so she read on, making Remarks as she went along, in this manner:

Ar dearest PAMELA, -" mighty well!"-I hope M my not coming home this Night will not frighten you!-" Vastly tender, indeed!-And did it frighten " you, Child? - You may believe I can't help it. " No to be fure !- A Person in thy Way of Life, is " more tenderly used than an honest Wife. But mark " the End of it!"-I could have wish'd, " Pr'ythee, " Jackey, mind this," we " mind the fignificant We," had not engaged to the good Neighbourhood, at Sir Simon's for to-morrow Night .-- " Why, does the good Neigh-"bourhood, and does Sir Simon, permit thy Visits, " Child? They shall have none of mine then, I'll " affure them!" But I am fo desirous to fet out on Wednesday for the other House-" So, Jackey, we but " just nick'd it, I find."-that, as well as in Return for the Civilities of so many good Friends, who will be there on purpose, I would not put it off .- " Now mind, " Jackey."-What I beg of you,-" Mind the Wretch, that could use me and your Uncle, as he has done; " he is turn'd Beggar to this Creature!" I beg of you therefore, my Dear, " My Dear ! there's for you! I WILL

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a wish I may not be quite fick before I get thro";-What, I beg of you therefore, my dear, [and then she look'd me full in the Face] is, that you will go in the Chariot to Sir Simon's, the sooner in the Day the better ; "Dear Heart! and why fo, when WE were not expected till Night? Why, pray observe the " Reason-Hem!" [said she] Because you will be diverted with the Company; " mighty kind, indeed !" -who all, " Jackey, Jackey, " mind this," -who all so much admire you. " Now he'd ha' been hang'd to " have faid so complaisant a Thing, had he been " marry'd, I'm fure !-- Very true, Aunt, faid he: A " plain Cafe that!"-[Thinks I, that's hard upon poor Matrimony, tho'. I hope my Lady don't find it fo. But I durst not speak out.] Who all so much admire 104, [said she] " I must repeat that-Pretty Miss-" I wish thou wast as admirable for thy Virtue, as for " that Baby-face of thine !"-And I hope to join you there by your Tea-time, in the Afternoon! --- "So, " you're in very good Time, Child, an Hour or two "hence, to answer all your important Pre-engage-" ments!"-which will be better than going home, and returning with you; as it will be fix Miles Difference tome; and I know the good Company will excuse my Dress on the Occasion. " Very true, any Dress is "good enough I'm fure, for such Company as admire thee, Child, for a Companion in thy ruin'd "State !- Jackey, Jackey, mind, mind again! more " fine Things still," I count every Hour of this little Absence for a Day; "There's for you! Let me " repeat it," I count every Hour of this little Absence for a Day; --- " Mind too the Wit of the good " Man! One may fee Love is a new Thing to him. "Here is a very tedious Time gone fince he saw his " Deary; no less, according to bis amorous Calcu-" lation, a Dozen Days and Nights, at least! and " yet, TEDIOUS as it is, it is but a LITTLE ARSENCE. "Well faid, my good accurate and confiftent Brother. "-But wife Men in Love, are always the greatest Simpletons!——But now comes the Reason why " this

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" this LITTLE Absence, which at the same time, is " fo GREAT an Absence, is so tedious." For I am. " Ay, now for it !"-with the utmost Sincerity, M, dearest Love, " Out upon DEAREST Love! I shall " never love the Word again! Pray bid your Uncle "never call me dearest Love, Jackey!"-For ever Yours !- " But Brother, thou lieft !- Thou knowest " thou dost,-And so, my good Lady Andrews, or what shall I call you? Your dearest Love will be for ever Yours! And hast thou the Vanity to believe " this !-But stay, here is a Postscript. The Poor " Man knew not when to have done to his dearest " Love .- He's fadly in for't, truly! Why, his dearest " Love, you are mighty happy in fuch a Lover!';-If you could go to dine with them, - " Cry you Mercy, " my dearest Love, now comes the Pre-engagement!" It will be a Freedom that will be very pleasing to them, and the more as they don't expect it.

Well, fo much for this kind Letter! But you see you cannot honour this admiring Company with this little-expected, and, but in Complaisance to his Folly, I dare say little-desired Freedom. And I cannot sorbear admiring you so much myself, my dearest Love, that I will not spare you at all, this whole Evening. For its a little hard, if thy master's Sister may not be blest a

little Bit with thy charming Company.

So I found I had shewed her my Letter to very little Purpose, and repented it several Times, as she read on.—Well then, I hope, said I, your Ladyship will give me Leave to send my Excuses to your good Brother, and say, that your Ladyship is come, and is so fond of me, that you will not let me leave you.—Pretty Creature! said she; and wantest thou thy good Master to come, and quarrel with his Sister on thy Account!—But thou shalt not stir from my Presence; and I would now ask thee; what it is thou meanest by shewing me this Letter?—Why, Madam, said I to shew your Ladyship how I was engaged for this Day and Evening—And for nothing else? said she. Why, I can't

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an't tell, Madam, faid I: But if you can collect from it any other Circumstances, I might hope I should be not the worse treated.

I saw her Eyes began to sparkle with Passion; and she took my Hand, and said, grasping it very hard, I know, consident Creature, that you shew'd it me, to insult me;—You shew'd it me, to let me see, that he could be civiller to a Beggar-born, than to me, or to my good Lord Davers!—You shew'd it me, as if you'd have me be as credulous a Fool as yourself, to believe your true Marriage, when I know the whole. Trick of it, and have Reason to believe you do too; and you shew'd it me, to upbraid me with his stooping to such painted Dirt, to the Disgrace of a Family, ancient and untainted beyond most in the Kingdom; and now will I give thee One hundred Guineas for one bold Word, that I may feel thee at my Foot.

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So, I said, weeping, Good your Ladyship pity me!

—'ndeed I am honest; indeed I am virtuous; indeed I would not do a bad thing for the World.

Tho' I know, faid she, the whole Trick of thy pretended Marriage, and thy soolish Ring here, and all the rest of the wicked Nonsense; yet I should not have Patience with thee, if thou but offerest to let me know thy Vanity prompts thee to believe thou art marry'd to my Brother!—I could not bear the Thought!—So take care, Pamela; take care, beggarly Brat; take care.

Good your Ladyship, said I, spare my dear Parents. They are honest and industrious: They were once in a a very creditable Way, and never were Beggars. Missortunes may attend any body: And I can bear the cruellest Imputations on myself, because I know my Innocence; but upon such honest, industrious Parents, who lived thro' the greatest Trials, without be-

ing beholden to any thing but God's Blessing, and their own hard Labour; I cannot bear Reslection.

What! art thou fetting up for a Family, Creature as thou art! God give me Patience with thee! I suppose my Brother's Folly for thee, and his Wickedness together, will, in a little while, occasion a Search at the Herald's-Office, to set out thy wretched Obscurity. Provoke me, I desire thou wilt. One hundred Guineas will I give thee, to say but thou thinkest thou art marry'd to my Brother.

Your Ladyship, I hope, won't kill me. And since nothing I can say, will please; but your Ladyship is resolved to quarrel with me; since I must not say what I think, on one hand nor another, whatever your Ladyship designs by me, be pleased to do, and let me

depart your Presence!

She gave me a Slap on the Hand, and reached to box my Ear; but Mrs. Jewkes harkening without, and her Woman too, they both came in at that instant; and Mrs. Jewkes said, pushing herself in between us, Your Ladyship knows not what you do. Indeed you don't. My Master would never forgive me, if I suffer'd in his House, one he so dearly loves, to be so used; and it must not be, tho' you are Lady Dawers. Her Woman too interposed, and told her, I was not worth her Ladyship's Anger. But she was like a Person beside hersels.

I offer'd to go out, and Mrs. Jewkes took my Hand, to lead me out: But her Kinsman set his Back against the Door, and put his Hand to his Sword, and said, I should not go, till his Aunt permitted it. He drew it half-way; and I was so terrised, that I cry'd out, Oh! the Sword! the Sword! and, not knowing what I did, I run to my Lady herself, and class'd my Arms about her, forgetting, just then, how much she was my Enemy, and said, sinking on my Knees, Desend me, good your Ladyship! the Sword! the Sword! — Mrs. Jewkes said, Oh! my Lady will sall into Fits; but Lady Davers was, herself, so startled at the matter being carry'd so far, that

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Come, said she, be comforted; he sha'n't fright you!—I'll try to overcome my Anger, and will pity you. So, Wench, rise up, and don't be soolish. Mrs. Jewkes held her Salts to my Nose, and I did not faint. And my Lady said, Mrs. Jewkes, if you would be forgiven, leave Pamela and me by ourselves; and, Jackey do you withdraw; only you, Beck, stay.

So I fat down in the Window, all in a fad Fluster; for, to be fure, I was fadly frighted.—Said her Woman, you should not sit in my Lady's Presence, Mrs. Pamela. Yes, let her fit till she is a little recover'd of her fright, said my Lady, and set my Chair by her. And fo she fat over-against me, and said, To be sure, Pamela, you have been very provoking with your Tongue, to be fure you have, as well upon my Nephew, (who is a Man of Quality too) as me. And, palliating her cruel Usage, and beginning, I suppose, to think herfelf, she had carry'd it further than she could answer it to her Brother, she wanted to lay the Fault upon me; Own, faid she, you have been very saucy, and beg my Pardon, and beg Jackey's Pardon; and I will try to pity you: For you are a sweet Girl, after all:—if you had but held out, and been honest.

'Tis injurious to me, Madam, said I, to imagine I am not honest!——Said she, have you not been a bed with my Brother? tell me that.——Your Ladyship, reply'd I, asks your Questions in a strange Way,

and in strange Words.

Oh! your Delicacy is wounded, I suppose, by my plain Question!—This Niceness will soon leave you Wench: It will indeed. But answer me directly. Said I, Then your Ladyship's next Question will be, Am I marry'd? and you won't bear my Answer to that,—And will beat me again.

I ha'n't beat you yet; have I, Beck? faid she. So you want to make out a Story, do you?—But, indeed, I can't bear thou should'st so much as think thou art my Sister. I know the whole Trick of it; and so,

'tis my Opinion, dost thou. It is only thy little Curvining, that it may look like a Cloak to thy yielding, and get better Terms from him. Pr'ythee, pr'ythee Wench, thou feest I know the World a little; ——almost as much at Thirty-two, as thou dost at Sixteen.—Remember that!

I rose from the Window, and walking to the other End of the Room, Beat me again, if you please, said I; but I must tell your Ladyship, I scorn your Words,

and am as much marry'd as your Ladyship!

At that she run to me, but her Woman interposed again: Let the vain wicked Creature go from your Presence, Madam, said she. She is not worthy to be in it. She will but vex your Ladyship. Stand away, Beck, said she. That's an Assertion that I would not take from my Brother. I can't bear it. As much marry'd as I!—Is that to be borne? But if the Creature believes she is, Madam, said her Woman, she is to be as much pity'd for her Credulity, as despised for her Vanity.

I was in hopes to have slipt out of the Door; but she caught hold of my Gown, and pulled me back. Pray, your Ladyship, said I, don't kill me!—I have done no Harm—But she lock'd the Door, and put the Key in her Pocket. So seeing Mrs. Jewkes before the Window, I listed up the Sash, and said, Mrs. Jewkes, I believe it would be best for the Chariot to go to your Master, and let him know that Lady Davers is here; and I cannot leave her Ladyship.

She was refolved to be displeased, let me say what I would. She said, No, no; he'll then think that I make the Creature my Companion, and know not how to part with her. I thought your Ladyship, reply'd I, could not have taken Exceptions at this Message. Thou knowest nothing, Wench; said she, of what belongs to People of Condition: How should'st thou? Nor, thought I do I, desire it, at this Rate.

What shall I say, Madam? said I. Nothing at all, reply'd she; let him expect his Dearest Love, and be disappointed; it is but adding a few more Hours, and he will make every one a Day, in his amorous Account.—

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As much marry'd as I! repeated she.—The Insolence of the Creature!—And so she walk'd about the Room, talking to herself, to her Woman, and now and then to me; but seeing I could not please her, I thought I had better be silent. And then it was, Am I not worthy an Answer? if I, speak, said I, your Ladyship is angry at me, tho ever so respectfully; if I do not, I cannot please. Would your Ladyship tell me but how I shall oblige you, and I would do it with all my Heart?

Confess the Truth, said she, that thou'rt an undone Creature; hast been in bed with thy Master; and art sorry for it, and for the Mischief thou hast occasion'd between him and me; and then I'll pity thee, and persuade him to pack thee off with a hundred or two of Guineas, and some honest Farmer may take Pity of thee, and patch up thy Shame, for the sake of the Money; and if nobody will have thee, thou must vow Penitence, and be as humble as once I thought thee:

I was quite fick at Heart at all this passionate Extravagance, and to be hinder'd from being where was the Defire of my Soul, and afraid too of incurring my dear Master's Displeasure; and, as I sat, I saw it was no hard matter to get out of the Window into the Front-yard, the Parlour being even with the yard, and to have a fair Run for it; and after I had feen my Lady at the other End of the Room again, in her Walks, having not pull'd down the Sash, when I spoke to Mrs. Jewkes I got upon the Seat, and whipt out in a Minute, and ran away as hard as I could drive, my Lady calling after me to return, and her Woman at the other Window: but two of her Servants appearing at her crying out, and she bidding them stop me, I said, Touch me at your Peril, Fellows; but their Lady's Commands would have prevail'd on them, had not Mr. Colbrand, who, it seems had been kindly order'd by Mrs. Jewkes, to be within Call, when

the faw how I was treated, came up, and put on one of his deadly fierce Looks, the only time I thought. it ever became him, and faid, He would chine the Man, that was his Word, who offer'd to touch his Lady; and fo he run along fide of me; and I heard my Lady fay, The Creature flies like a Bird! And, indeed, Mr. Colbrand, with his huge Strides, could hardly keep pace with me; and I never flopt till I got to the Chariot; and Robert had got down, feeing me running at a Distance, and held the Door in his Hand, with the Step ready down; and in I jumpt, without touching the Step, faying, Drive me, drive me, as fall as you can, out of my Lady's reach! And he mounted, and Colbrand faid, Don't be frighten'd, Madam; nobody shall hurt you.—And shut the Door, and away Robert drove; but I was quite out of Breath, and did not recover it, and my Fright, all the Way.

Mr. Colbrand was so kind, but I did not know it till the Chariot stopt at Sir Simon's, to step up behind the Coach, lest, as he said, my Lady should send after me; and he told Mrs. Jewkes, when he got home, that he never saw such a Runner as me, in his Life.

When the Chariot stopt, which was not till Six o' Clock, so long did this cruel Lady keep me, Miss Darnford run out to me; O, Madam, said she, ten times welcome! but you'll be beat, I can tell you; for here has been the 'Squire come these two Hours, and is very angry at you.

That's hard indeed, faid I!—Indeed I can't afford it!—for I hardly knew what I faid, having not recover'd my Fright. Let me fit down, Miss, any where, faid I; for I have been fadly off. So I sat down, and was quite sick with the Hurry of my Spirits, and lean'd upon her Arm.

Said she, Your Lord and Master came in very moody; and when he had staid an Hour, and you not come, he began to fret, and said, He did not expect so little Complaisance from you. And he is now set down with great Persuasions, to a Game at Loo.

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Come, you must make your Appearance, Lady fair; for he's too sullen to attend you I doubt.

You have no Strangers, have you, Miss, faid I?—Only two Women Relations from Stamford, reply'd she, and an humble Servant of one of them.—Only all the World, Miss! faid I,—What shall I do.

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Just as I had said so, came in Lady Darnford and Lady Jones, to chide me, as they faid, for not coming fooner. And before I could speak, came in my dear Master. I ran to him. How d'ye Pamela, faid he, and faluted me, with a little more Formality. than I could well bear.—I expected half a Word from me, when I was so complaisant to your Choice, would have determin'd you, and that you'd been here to Dinner; and the rather, as I made my Request a reasonable one, and what I thought, would be agreeable to you. O dear Sir, faid I, pray, pray, hear me. and you'll pity me, and not be displeased: Mrs. Fewkes will tell you, that as foon as I had your kind Commands, I faid, I would obey you, and come to Dinner with these good Ladies; and so prepared myself instantly, with all the Pleasure in the World. Lady Darnford and Miss said, I was their Dear! - Look you, faid Miss, did I not tell you Stately ones, that, fomething must have happen'd? But O these Tyrants! thefe Men!

Why, what hindred it, my Dear? faid he: Give yourself Time; you seem out of Breath!—O Sir, said I, Out of Breath! well I may!—For, just as I was ready to come away, who should drive into the Court-yard but Lady Davers!—Lady Davers! Nay, then, my sweet Dear, said he, and kissed me more tenderly, hast thou had a worse Trial than I wish thee, from one of the haughtiest Women in England, tho my Sister!—For, she too, my Pamela, was spoiled by my good Mother!—But have you seen her?

Yes, Sir, faid I, and more than feen her!—Why, fure, faid he, she has not had the Insolence to strike my Girl!—Sir, faid I, but tell me you forgive me; for indeed I could not come sooner; and these good

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Ladies but excuse me; and I'll tell you all another time; for to take up the good Company's Attention now, will spoil their Pleasantry, and be to them, tho' more important to me, like the Lady's broken China,

you caution'd me about.

That's a dear Girl! faid he; I fee my Hints are not thrown away upon you; and I beg Pardon for being angry at you; and, for the future, will flay till I hear your Defence before I judge you. Said Miss Darn. ford, This is a little better! to own a Fault, is some Reparation; and what every Lordly Husband will not do. He said, But tell me, my Dear, did Lady Davers offer you any Incivility? O Sir, reply'd I, she is your Sister, and I must not tell you all; but she has used me very severely. Did you tell her, said he, you was marry'd?—Yes, Sir, I did at last: But she will have it, 'tis a Sham-marriage, and that I am a vile Creature: And she was ready to beat me, when I said so; for she could not have Patience that I should be deem'd her Sister, as she said.

How unlucky it was, reply'd he, I was not at home — Why did you not fend to me here? Send, Sir! I was kept Prisoner by Force. They would not let me stir, or do you think, I would have been hinder'd from obeying you? Nay, I told them, that I had a Preengagement; but she ridiculed me, and said, Waitingmaids talk of Pre-engagements! and then I shew'd her your kind Letter; and she made a thousand Remarks upon it, and made me wish I had not. In short, whatever I could do or say, there was no pleasing her; and I was a Creature, and Wench, and all that was naught. But you must not be angry with her,

Well, but, said he, I suppose she hardly asked you to dine with her; for she came before Dinner, I suppose, if it was soon after you had received my Letter! No, Sir, dine with my Lady! no indeed! Why, she would make me wait at Table upon her, with her Woman, because she would not expose herself and me before the Men-servants; which, you know, Sir, was

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Well, faid he, but did you wait at Table upon her? Would you have had me, Sir, faid I—Only Pamela, reply'd he, if you did, and knew not what belong'd to your Character, as my Wife, I shall be very angry with you. Sir, faid I, I did not; but resuled it, out of Consideration of the Dignity you have raised me to; else, Sir, I could have waited on my Knees upon your Sister.

Now, faid he, you confirm my Opinion of your Prudence and Judgment. She is an infolent Woman, and shall dearly repent it. But, Sir, she is to be excus'd, because she won't believe I am indeed marry'd;

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He faid, Ladies, pray don't let us keep you from the Company; I'll only ask a Question or two more, and attend you. Said Lady Jones, I so much long to hear this Story of poor Madam's Persecution, that is it was not improper, I should be glad to stay. Miss Darnford would stay for the same Reason; my Master saying, he had no Secrets to ask, and that it was kind of them to interest themselves in my Grievances.

But Lady Darnford went into the Company, and told them the Cause of my Detention: for it seems, my dear Master loved me too well, to keep to himself the Disappointment my not being here to receive him, had given him; and they had all given the two Miss Boroughs's, and Mr. Perry, the Stamford Guests, such a Character of me, that they said they were impatient to see me.

Said my Master, but Pamela, you said, They and Them; Who had my Sister with her, besides her Woman? Her Nephew, Sir, and three Footmen on Horseback; and she and her Woman were in her Chariot and Six.

That's a fad Coxcomb, faid he: How did habehave to you?—Not extraordinarily, Sir; but I should not complain; for I was even with him; because I thought I ought not to bear with him as with my Lady.

By Heaven ! faid he, if I knew he behav'd unhandfomely to my Jewel, I'd fend him home to his Uncle without without his Ears. Indeed, Sir, return'd I, I was at hard upon him, as he was upon me. Said he, 'Tis kind to make the best for them. But I believe I shall make them dearly repent their Visit, if I find their

Behaviour to call for my Resentment.

But, fure, my Dear, you might have got away when you went to your own Dinner? Indeed, Sir, said I, her Ladyship locked me in, and would not let me stir.—So you ha'n't eat any Dinner? No, indeed, Sir, nor had a Stomach to any. My poor Dear! said he. But then, how got you away at last?—O, Sir, reply'd I, I jump'd out of the Parlour Window, and run away to the Chariot, which had waited for me several Hours, by the Elm-walk, from the Time of my Lady's coming (for I was just going, as I said;) and Mr. Colbrand saw me thro' her Servants, whom she call'd to, to stop me; and was so kind to step behind the Chariot, unknown to me, and saw me safe here.

I'm fure, said he, these insolent Creatures must have treated you vilely. But tell me, What Part did Mrs. Terukes act in this Affair? A very kind Part, Sir, faid I, in my Behalf; and I shall thank her for it. Sweet Creature, said he, thou makest the best for every body; but I hope she deserves it; for she knew you are married.—But come, we'll now join the Company, and try to forget all you have fuffer'd, for two or three Hours, that we may not fill the Company with our Concerns; and resume the Subject as we go home. And you shall find, I will do you Justice as I ought. But you forgive me, Sir, faid I, and are not angry? Forgive you. my Dear! return'd he .- I hope you forgive me!—I shall never make you Satisfaction for what you have fuffer'd from me, and for me! And with those Words, he led me into the Company.

He very kindly presented me to the two Stranger Ladies, and the Gentleman, and them to me; and Sir Simon, who was at Cards, rose from Table, and saluted me: Adad! Madam, said he, I'm glad to see you here. What, it seems you have been a Prisoner! 'Tis well you was, or your Spouse and I should have sat in

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Judgment upon you, and condemned you to a fearful Punishment for your first Crime of Lasse Majestatis (I had this explained to me afterwards, as a fort of I reason against my Liege Lord and Husband). For we Husbands, hereabouts, said he, are resolv'd to turn over a new Leaf with our Wives, and your Lord and Master shall shew us the Way, I can tell you that. But I see by your Eyes, my sweet Culpirt, added he, and your Complexion, you have had sour Sauce to your sweet Meat.

Miss Darnford said, I think we are oblig'd to our sweet Guest, at last; for she was forced to jump out at a Window to come to us. Indeed! said Mrs. Peters;—and my Master's Back being turn'd, says she, Lady Davers, when a Maiden, was always vastly passionate; but a very good Lady when it was over. And she'd make nothing of slapping her Maids about, and begging their Pardons afterwards, if they took it patiently; otherwise she used to say, the Creatures were even with her.

Ay, faid I, I have been a many Creatures and Wenches, and I know not what; for these were the best of her Names. And I thought I ought to act up to the Part her dear Brother has given me; and so, truly, I have but just escaped a good Cussing.

Miss Boroughs said to her Sister, as I heard, but she did not design it, What a sweet Creature is this! And then she takes so little upon her, is so free, so easy, and owns the Honour done her so obligingly! Said Mr. Perry, softly, the loveliest Person I ever saw! Who could have the Heart to be angry with her one Moment?

Says Miss Darnford, here, my dearest Neighbour, these Gentry are admiring you strangely; and Mr. Perry says, you are the loveliest Lady he ever saw; and says it to his own Mistress's Face too, I'll assure you—Or else, says Miss Boroughs, I should think he much flatter'd me.

O Miss, return'd I, you are exceedingly obliging; but your kind Opinion ought to learn me Humility, and to reverence so generous a Worth as can give a You. II.

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Preference against yourself, where it is so little due. Indeed, Madam, said Miss Nanny Boroughs, I love my Sister well: but it would be a high Compliment to any Lady, to be deemed worthy of a second or

third Place after you.

There is no answering such Politeness, said I: I am fure Lady Davers was very cruel to keep me from such kind Company. 'Twas our Loss, Madam, said Miss Darnford. I'll allow it, said I, in Degree, Miss; for you have all been deprived, several Hours of an humble Admirer.

Mr. Perry said, I never before saw so young a Lady shine forth with such Graces of Mind and Person. Alas! Sir, said I, my Master coming up, mine is but a borrow'd Shine, like that of the Moon: Here is the Sun, to whose fervent Glow of Generosity I owe all the faint Lustre that your Goodness is pleased to look upon with so much kind Distinction.

Mr. Perry was pleased to hold up his Hands; and the Ladies look'd upon one another. And my Master said, hearing part of the last Sentence, What's the pretty Subject, that my Pamela is displaying, so

fweetly her Talents upon?

Oh! Sir, said Mr. Perry, I will pronounce you the happiest Gentleman in England. And I, said Miss Boroughs; And I, said Miss Darnford; And I, said

each of the other.

My Master said, most generously, Thank ye, Thank ye, Thank ye, all round, my dear Friends. I know not your Subject; but if you believe me so, for a single instance of this dear Girl's Goodness, what must I think myself, when bless'd with a thousand instances, and experiencing it in every single Act and Word! I do assure you, my Pamela's Person, all lovely as you see it, is far short of her Mind: That first impress'd me in her Favour; but that only made me her Lover: But they were the Beauties of her Mind, that made me her Husband; and proud, my sweet Dear, said he, pressing my Hand, am I of that Title.

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I was all abash'd; and took Miss Darnford's Hand, and said, Save me, dear Miss, by your sweet Example, from my rising Pride. But could I deserve half these kind things, what a happy Creature should I be! Said Miss Darnford, You deserve them all, indeed you do.

The greatest Part of the Company being sat down to Loo, my Master being press'd, said, he would take one Game at Whist; but had rather be excused too, having been up all Night; and I asked how his Friend did? We'll talk of that, said he, another time; which, and his Seriousness, made me fear the poor Gentleman was dead, at it prov'd.

We cast in, and Miss Boroughs and my Master were together, and Mr. Perry and I: and I had all four Honours the first time, and we were up at one Deal. Said my Master, An honourable Hand, Pamela, should go with an honourable Heart; but you'd not have been up, if a Knave had not been one. Whist, Sir, said Mr. Perry, you know, was a Court Game originally, and the Knave, I suppose, signified always the Prime Minister.

'Tis well, faid my Master, if now there is but One Knave in a Court, out of four Persons, take the Court thro'.

The King and Queen, Sir, faid Mr. Perry, can do no wrong you know. So there are two that must be good out of Four: and the Ace seems too plain a Card to mean much Hurt.

We compliment the King, faid my Master, in that manner; and 'tis well to do io, because there is something sacred in the Character. But yet if Force of Example be consider'd, it is going a great way; for certainly a good Master makes a good Servant, generally speaking.

One thing, added he, in regard to the Ace; I have always look'd upon that plain and honest looking

Card, in the Light you do. And have confider'd Whist is an English Game in its Original; which has made me fonder of it than of any other. For by the Ace, I have always thought the Laws of the Land denoted; and, as the Ace is above the King or Queen, and wins them; I think the Law should be thought so too; tho', may be, I shall be deem'd a Whig for my Opinion.

I shall never play at Whist, said Mr. Perry, without thinking of this, and shall love the Game the better for the Thought; tho' I am no Party-man. Nor I, said my Master; For I think the Distinctions of Whig and Tory odious; and love the one or theother, only as they are honest and worthy Men; and have never, (nor evershall, I hope) given a Vote, but according to what I thought was for the publick Good,

let either Whig or Tory propose it.

I wish, Sir, reply'd Mr. Perry, all Gentlemen, in your Station, would act so. If there was no undue influence, said my Master, I am willing to think so well of all Mankind, that I believe they generally would.

But you fee, fays he, by my Pamela's Hand, when all the Court cards get together, and are acted by one Mind, the Game is usually turn'd accordingly. Tho' now and then, too, it may be so circumstanced, that Honours will do them no Good; and they are forced

to depend altogether upon Tricks.

I thought this Way of Talking prettier than the Game itself. But I said, Tho' I have won the Game, I hope, Sirs, I am no Trickster. No, said my Master. God forbid but Court-cards should sometimes win with Honour! But you see for all that, your Game is as much owing to the Knave, as the King; and you, my Fair-one, lost no Advantage, when it was put into your Power.

Else, Sir, said I, I should not have done Justice to my Partner: You are certainly right, Pamela, reply'd he; tho' you thereby beat your Husband. Sir, said I, You may be my Partner next, and I must do Justice, you know. Well, said he, always chuse so worthy a

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Mr. Perry said, you are very good to me, Sir; and Miss Boroughs, I observed, seem'd pleas'd with the Compliment to her humble Servant; by which I saw she esteem'd him, as he seems to deserve. Dear firs! said I, how much better is this, than to be lock'd in

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The Supper was brought in sooner on my Account, because I had had no Dinner; and there passed very agreeable Compliments on the Occasion. Lady Darnford would help me first, because I had so long sasted, as she said. Sir Simon would have placed himself next me: And my Master said, he thought it was best, where there was an equal Number of Ladies and Gentlemen, that they should sit intermingled, that the Gentlemen might be employed in helping and serving the Ladies. Lady Darnford said, she hoped Sir Simon would not sit above any Ladies, at his own Table especially. Well, said he, I shall sit over-against her however; and that's as well.

My dearest Sir could not keep his Eye off me, and feem'd generously to be delighted with all I did, and all I said; and every one was pleased to see his kind

and affectionate Behaviour to me.

Lady Jones brought up the Discourse about Lady Davers again; and my Master said, I fear Pamela, you have been hardly used, more than you'll say. I know my Sister's passionate Temper too well, to believe she could be over-civil to you, especially as it happen'd so unluckily that I was out. If, added he, she had had no Pique to you, my Dear, yet what has passed between her and me, has so exasperated her, that I know she would have quarrel'd with my Horse, if she had thought I valu'd it, and no body else was in her way. Dear Sir, said I, don't say so of good Lady Davers.

Said he, Why, my Dear, I know she came on purpose to quarrel; and had she not found herself under a very violent Uneasiness, after what had passed between us, and my Treatment of her Lords Letter, she

would not have offer'd to come near me. What fort of Language had the for me, Pamela? O, Sir, very good, only her well-manner'd Brother, and such as that!

Only, faid he, 'tis taking up the Attention of the Company difagreeably, or I could tell you almost ever ry Word she faid. Lady Jones wish'd to hear a further Account of my Lady's Conduct, and most of the Company join'd with her, particularly Mrs. Peters; who faid, That as they knew the Story, and Lady Davers's Temper, tho' she was very good in the main, they could wish to be so agreeably entertain'd, if he and I pleas'd; because they imagin'd I should have no Difficulties after this.

Tell me then Pamela, faid he, did she lift up her Hand at you? did she strike you? But I hope not! A little Slap of the Hand faid I: or so !--insolent Woman! She did not, I hope, offer to strike your Face? Why faid I, I was a little faucy once or twice, and she would have given me a Cuff on the Ear, if her Woman and Mrs. Jewkes had not interpos'd? Why did you not come out at the Door? Because, faid I, her Ladyship set her Chair against it, one while, and another while lock'd it; elfe I offer'd, feveral times, to get away.

She knew I expected you here? You fay, you shew'd her my Letter to you? Yes, Sir, said I; but I had better not; for the was then more exasperated, and made strange Comments upon it. I doubt it not, faid he; but, did she not see, by the kind Epithets in it, that there was room to think we were marry'd? O, Sir, reply'd I, and made the Company smile, she said, For that very Reason, she was fure I was not marry'd.

That's like my Sifter! faid he, exactly like her; and yet the lives very happily herfelf. For her poor Lord never contradicts her. Indeed he dare not.

You was a great many Wenches, was you not my Dear? for that's a great Word with her: Yes, Sir, faid I, Wenches and Creatures out of Number; and worse than all that. What? tell me, my Dear. Sir, faid I, I must not have you angry with Lady Davers while

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while you are fo good to me, 'tis all nothing, only the Trouble that I cannot be fuffer'd to shew how

much I honour her Ladyship, as your Sister.

Well, faid he, you need not be afraid to tell me: I must love her, after all; tho' I should not be pleas'd with her on this Occasion. And I know it is her mittaken Love for me, that makes her so uneasy; and, after all, she comes, I know, to be reconcil'd to me; tho' it must be thre,' a good hearty Quarrel first. For the can shew a deal of Sun-shine; but it must be always after a Storm. And I'll love her dearly, if the has not been, and will not be, too hard upon my Dear.

Mr. Peters faid, Sir, you are very good, and very kind. I love to fee this Complaifance to your Sifter, tho' she be in the Fault, so long as you can shew it with fo much Justice to the sweetest innocence and Merit in By all that's good, Mr. Peters, faid he, I'd present my Sister with one thousand Pounds, it she would kindly take my Dear Pamela by the Hand, and wish her Joy, and call her Sister!—And yet I should be unworthy the dear Creature that finiles upon me there, if it was not principally for her fake, and the Pleasure it would give her, that I say this: For I will never be thoroughly reconciled to my Sifter. till she does; for I most fincerely think, as to myself, that my dear Spouse, there she sits, does me more Honour in her new Relation, than she receives from me!

Sir, faid I, I am overwhelm'd with your Goodness! ----And my Eyes were filled with Tears of Joy and Gratitude. And all the Company, with one Voice bleffed him. And Lady Jones was pleased to lay the Company and Behaviour of you two happy ones to each other, are the most edifying I ever knew. I am always improv'd when I fee you. How happy would every good Lady be with such a Gentleman, and every good Gentleman with fuch a Lady!in thort, you feem made for one another.

O, Madam, faid I, you are fo kind, fo good to me, that I know not how to thank you enough. Said .

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she, you deserve more than I can express; for, to all who know your Story, you are a matchless Person. You are an Ornament to our Sex, and your Virtue, tho' your dear Spouse is so excellent and generous as he is, has met with no more than its due Reward. And

God long blefs you together.

You are, faid my dearest Sir, very good to me, Madam, I am sure. I have taken Liberties in my former Life, that deferved not fo much Excellence. I have offended extremely, by Trials glorious to my Pamela, but disgraceful to me, against a Virtue that I now confider as almost facred; and I shall not think I deserve her, till I can bring my Manners, my Sentiments, and my Actions to a Conformity with her And in fhort, my Pamela, faid he, I want you to be nothing but what you are, and have been, You cannot be better; and if you could, it would be but filling me with Despair to attain the awful Heights of Virtue, at which you are arrived. Perhaps, added the dear Gentleman, the Scene I have beheld within these twelve Hours, has made me more serious than otherwife I should have been; but I'll assure you, before all this good Company, I speak the Sentiments of my Heart; and those not of this Day only.

What a happy Daughter is yours, O my dear Father and Mother! I owe it all to God's Grace, and your's and my good Lady's inflructions; and to these let me always look back with grateful Acknowledgments, that I may not impute to myself, and be proud,

my very great Happiness.

The Company were so kindly pleas'd with our Concerns, and my dear Master's Goodness, that he observing their indulgence, and being himself curious to know what had pass'd between my Lady and me, repeated his Question, What she had call'd me besides Wench and Creature? And I said, my Lady, supposing I was wicked, lamented over me very kindly, my Depravity and Fall, and said what a thousand Pities it was, so much Virtue, as she was pleas'd to say, was so destroy'd, and that I had yielded after so noble a Stand, as she said.

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Excuse me, Gentlemen and Ladies, said I; you know my Story, it seems; and I am commanded by one, who has a Title to all my Obedience, to proceed.

They gave all of them Bows of Approbation, that they might not interrupt me; and I continued my

I told her Ladyship, continued I, that I was still innocent, and would be so, and it was injurious to suppose me otherwise! Why, tell me Wench, said she,—but I think I must not tell you what she said. Yes do, said my Master, to clear my Sister; we shall think it very bad else.

I held my Hand before my Face, and faid, why, she faid, tell me Wench, hast thou not been a bed with thy Master?—That she faid.—And when I faid, she ask'd strange Questions, and in strange Words, she ridiculed my Delicacy, as she call'd it, and faid, my Niceness would not last long. She faid, I must know I was not really marry'd, that my Ring was only a Sham, and all was my Cunning to cloak my yielding, and get better Terms: She faid, she knew the World as much at-thirty two, as I did at fixteen; and bid me remember that.

I took the Liberty to fay, (but I got a good way off) That I fcorn'd her Ladyship's Words, and was as much marry'd as her Ladyship. And then, Good, sirs, I had certainly been cuff'd, if her Woman had not interposed, and told her I was not worth her Anger; and that I was as much to be pitied for my Credulity as despis'd for my Vanity.

My poor Pamela, said my Master, this was tootoo hard upon you! O Sir, said I, how much easier it was to me, than if it had been so!—That would have broke my Heart quite!——For then I should have deserv'd it all, and worse; and these Reproaches, added to my own Guilt, would have made me truly wretched!

Lady Darnford, at whose Right-hand I sat, kissed me with a kind of Rapture, and called me a sweet Exemplar for all my Sex. Mr. Peters said very

handsome Things. So said Mr. Perry; and Sir Simon had Tears in his Eyes, and said to my Master, Why, Neighbour, Neighbour, this is excellent, by my Troth. I believe there is something in Virtue, that we had not well considered. On my Soul there has been but one Angel come down for these thousand

Years, and you have got her.

Well, my dearest, said my Master, pray proceed with your Story till we have done Supper, fince the Ladies feem'd pleas'd with it. Why, Sir, faid I, her Ladyship went on in the same manner; but said one time, (and held me by the Hand) she would give me a hundred Guineas for one provoking Word, or if I would but fay, I believ'd myself marry'd, that she might fell me at her Foot. But, Sir, you must not be angry with her Ladyship. She call'd me painted Dirt. Baby-face, Waiting maid, Beggar-brat, and Beggarborn; but I faid, as long as I knew my innocence, I was easy in every thing, but to have my dear Parents abused. I said, they were never Beggars, nor beholden to any body; nor to any thing but God's Grace, and their own Labour: That they once lived in Credit; that Misfortunes might befal any body; and that I could not bear they should be treated so undeservedly.

Then her Ladyship said, Ay, she supposed my Mafler's Folly would make us now set up for a Family, and that the Herald's Office would shortly be search'd

to make it out.

Exactly my Sister again! faid he. So you could

not please her any Way?

No, indeed, Sir. When she commanded me to fill her a Glass of Wine, and would not let her Woman do it, she ask'd, if I was above it? I then said, if to attend your Ladyship at Table, or even kneel at your feet was requir'd of me, I would most gladly do it, were I only the Person you think me. But, if it be to triumph over one, who has received Homours that she thinks require from her another Part, that she may not be utterly unworthy of them, I must say I cannot do it. This quite astonish'd her Ladyship;

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thip; and a little before, her Kinsman brought me the Bottle and Glass, and requir'd me for to fill it for my Lady at her Command, and call'd himself my Deputy; and I said, 'tis in a good Hand; help my Lady yourself. So Sir, added I, you see I could be a little saucy upon Occasion.

You please me well, my Pamela, said he. This was

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Her Ladyship said, she was astonish'd! adding, she suppos'd I would have her look upon me as her Brother's Wise: And ask'd me, what in the Name of impudence, possessed me, to dare to look upon myself as her Sister! And I said, that was a Question better became her most worthy Brother to answer than me. And then I thought I should have her Ladyship upon me; but her Woman interposed.

I afterwards told Mrs. Jewkes at the Window, That fince I was hindered from going to you, I believ'd it was best to let Robert go with the Chariot, and say, Lady Davers was come, and I could not leave her Ladyship. But this did not please, and I thought it would, too; for she said, No, no, he'll think I make the Creature my Companion, and know

not how to part with her.

Exactly, faid he, my Sister again!

And she said, I knew nothing what belong'd to People of Condition; how should I?———What shall I say, Madam? said I. Nothing at all, answer'd she? let him expect his dearest Love, alluding to your kind Epithet in your Letter, and be disappointed; it is but adding a few more Hours to this heavy Absence, and every one will become a Day in his amorous Account.

So, to be short, I saw nothing to be done, and I fear'd, Sir, you would wonder at my Stay, and be angry; and I watch'd my Opportunity, while my Lady, who was walking about the Room, was at the further End; and the Parlour being a Ground-sloor in a manner, I jump'd out of the Window, and run for it.

Her Ladyship call'd after me; so did her Woman; and I heard her say, I slew like a Bird; and she call'd

faid, touch me at your Peril, Fellows. And Mr. Colbrand having been planted at Hand by Mrs. Jewkes, (who was very good in the whole Affair,) and incurr'd her Ladyship's Displeasure, once or twice, by taking my Part, seeing how I was us'd) put on a serce Look, cock'd his Hat with one Hand, and put t'other on his Sword, and said, he would chine the Man who offer'd to touch his Lady. And so he ran along side of me, and cou'd hardly keep pace with me:—And here, my dear Sir, concluded I, I am, at yours, and the good Company's Service.

They feem'd highly pleas'd with my Relation; and my Master said, he was glad Mrs. Jewkes behav'd so well, as also Mr. Colbrand. Yes, Sir, said I, when Mrs. Jewkes interposed once, her Ladyship said, it was hard, she, who was born in that House, could not have some Privilege in it, without being talk'd to by the saucy Servants. And she call'd her another time Fat-sace, and woman'd her most violently.

Well, said my Master, I am glad, my dear, you have had fuch an Escape. My Sister was always passionate, as Mrs. Peters knows. And my poor Mother had enough to do with us both. For we neither of us wanted Spirit; and when I was a Boy, I never came home from School or College, for a few Days, but tho' we long'd to fee one another before, yet ere the first Day was over, we had a Quarrel; for she being feven Years older than me, was alway for domineering over me, and I could not bear it. And I used, on her frequently quarrelling with the Maids, and being always a Word and a Blow, to call her Captain Bab; for her Name is Barbara. And when my Lord Davers courted her, my poor Mother has made up Quarrels betwen them three times in a Day; and I used to tell her, she would certainly beat her Husband, marry whom she would, if he did not beat her first, and break her Spirit.

Yet has she, continued he, very good Qualities. She was a dutiful Daughter, is a good Wife; she is bountiful to her Servants, firm in her Friendships, charitable

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table to the Poor, and, I believe, never any Sister better loved a Brother, than she me: And yet, she always lov'd to vex and teaze me; and as I would bear a Resentment longer than she, she'd be one Moment the most provoking Creature in the World, and the next would do any thing to be forgiven; and I have made her, when she was the Aggressor, follow me all over the House and Garden to be upon good Terms with me.

But this Case piques her the more, because she had found out a Match for me, in the Family of a Person of Quality, and had set her Heart upon bringing it to Essect, and had even proceeded far in it, without my Knowledge, and brought me into the Lady's Company, unknowing of her Design: But I was then averse to Matrimony at all; and was angry at her proceeding in it so far without my Privity or Encouragement: And she cannot, for this Reason, bear the Thoughts of my being now marry'd; and to her Mother's Waiting-maid too, as she reminds my dear Pamela, when I had declin'd her Proposal with the Daughter of a noble Earl.

This is the whole Case, said he; and allowing for the Pride and Violence of her Spirit, and that she knows not, as I do, the transcendent Excellencies of my dear Spouse, and that all her View, in her own Conception, is, mine and my Family's Honour, she is a little to be allow'd for. Tho' never fear, my Pamela, but that I, who never had a struggle with her, that I did not get the better, will do you Justice, and myself too.

This Account of Lady Davers pleas'd every body, and was far from being to her Ladyship's Disadvantage in the main: And I would do any thing in the World to have the Honour to be in her Ladyship's good-Graces. Yet I fear it will not be easily, if at all effected. But I will proceed:

After Supper, nothing would ferve Miss Darnford and Miss Boroughs, but we must have a Dance, and Mr. Peters, who plays a good Fiddle, urg'd it forward; forward; my dear Master, tho' in a Riding-dress. danc'd (and danc'd sweetly) with Miss Boroughs.

Sir Simon, for a Gentleman of his Years, danc'd well, and took me out; but put on one of his free Jokes, that I was fitter to dance with a younger Gentleman; and he would have it, tho' I had not dane'd fince my dear Lady's Death to fignify, except once of twice to please Mrs. Jervis, and indeed believ'd all my dancing Days over, that as my Master and I were the best Dancers, we should dance once together before Folks. as the old Gentleman faid; and my dear Sir was pleas'd to oblige him: And he afterwards dane'd with Mifs Dainford, who I think has much more Skill and Judgment than I; tho' they compliment me with an easier Shape and Air.

We left the Company, with great Difficulty, at about eleven, my dear Master having been up all Night before, and we being at the greatest Distance from Home; tho' they feem'd inclinable not to break up fo foon, as they were Neighbours; and the Ladies faid they long'd to hear what would be the End of

Lady Davers's Interview with her Brother.

My Master said, he fear'd we must not now think of going next Day to Bedfordshire, as we had intended, and perhaps might fee them again. And fo we took Leave, and fet out for Home; where we arriv'd not till twelve o'Clock; and found Lady Davers had gone to Bed about eleven, wanting fadly that we should

come home first; but so did not I.

Mrs. Fewkes told us, that my Lady was fadly fretted, that I had got away fo; and feem'd a little apprehensive of what I would say of the Usage I had receiv'd from her. She ask'd Mrs. Fewkes, if she thought I was really marry'd? And Mrs. Fewkes telling her, yes, she fell into a Passion, and faid, begone, bold Woman; I cannot bear thee. See not my Face till Thou haft been very impudent to I fend for thee. me once or twice to-day already, and art now worle than ever. She faid, She would not have told her Ladyship, if she had not ask'd her; and was forty the had offended.

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The fent for her at Supper-time; Said she, I have another Question to ask thee, Woman, and tell me yes, if thou darest. Was ever any thing so odd?—Why then, said Mrs. Jewkes, I will say no, before your Ladyship speaks.—My Master laugh'd, poor Woman! said he.—She call'd her infolent, and Assurance; and said, begone, bold Woman as thou art;—but come hither. Dost thou know if that young Harlot is to lie with my Brother to-night?

She faid, she knew not what to answer, because she had threaten'd her, if she faid yes. But at last, my Lady said, I will know the Bottom of this Iniquity, I suppose they won't have so much Impudence to lie together while I'm in the House; but I dare say they have been Bedsellows.

Said she, I will lie to-night in the Room I was born in; so get the Bed ready. That Room being our Bedchamber, Mrs. Jewkes, after some Hesitation, reply'd, Madam, my Master lies there, and has the Key. I believe, Woman, said she, thou tellest me a Story. Indeed Madam, said she, he does; and has some Papers there he will let nobody see; for Mrs. Jewkes said, the fear'd she would beat her, if she went up, and found by my Cloaths, and some of my Master's, how it was.

So she said, I will then lie in the best Room, as it is called; and Jackey shall lie in the little green Room adjoining to it. Has thy Master got the Key of those?

No, Madam, said Mrs. Jewkes; I will order them to be made ready for your Ladyship.

And where dost thou lay thy purfy Sides, said she? Up two Pair of Stairs, Madam, next the Garden. And where lies the young Harlotry, continued she? Sometimes with me, Madam, said she. And sometimes with thy virtuous Master, I suppose, said my Lady.—Ha, Woman! what say'st thou? I must not speak, said Mrs. Jewkes. Well, thou may'st go, said she; but thou hast the Air of a Secret-keeper of that Sort: I dare say thou'lt set the good Work forward most cordially. Poor Mrs. Jewkes! said my Master, and laughed most neartily.

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This Talk we had whilst we were undressing. So she and her Woman lay together in the Room my Ma-

ster lay in before I was happy.

I faid, Dear Sir, pray in the Morning let me lock myself up in the Closet, as soon as you rise; and not be call'd down for ever so much; for I am asraid to see her Ladyship: And I will employ myself about my Journal, while these Things are in my Head. Don't be asraid, my Dear, said he; am not I with

you?

Mrs. Jewkes pity'd me for what I had undergone in the Day; and I faid, We won't make the worst of it to my dear Master, because we won't exasperate where we would reconcile; but, added I, I am much oblig'd to you, Mrs. Jewkes, and I thank you. Said my Master, I hope she did not beat your Lady, Mrs. Jewkes? Not much, Sir, said she; but I believe I sav'd my Lady once: yet added she, I was most vex'd at the young Lord. Ay, Mrs. Jewkes, said my Master, let me know his Behaviour. I can chastise him, tho' I cannot my Sister, who is a Woman; let me therefore know the Part he acted.

Nothing my dear Sir, faid I, but Impertinence, if I may fo fay, and Foolishness, that was very provoking; but I spar'd him not, and so there is no Room, Sir, for your Anger. No, Sir, said Mrs. Jewker,

nothing else indeed.

How was her Woman? said my Master. Pretty impertinent, reply'd Mrs. Jewkes, as Ladies Women will be. But, said I, you know she sav'd me once or twice. Very true, Madam, return'd Mrs. Jewkes, And she said to me at Table, continued she, that you was a sweet Creature; she never saw your Equal; but that you had a Spirit, and she was forry you answer'd her Lady so, who never bore so much Contradiction before. I told her, added Mrs. Jewkes, that if I was in your Ladyship's Place, I should have taken much more upon me, and that you was all Sweetness. And she said, I was got over, she saw.

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TUESDAY Morning, the Sixth of my Happiness.

M Y Master had said to Mrs. Jewkes, That he should not rife till Eight or Nine, as he had sat up all the Night before; but it seems, my Lady, knowing he usually rose about Six, got up soon after that Hour, rais'd her Woman, and her Nephew; having a whimsical Scheme in her Head, to try to find whether we were in Bed together: And at about half an Hour after Six, she rapt at our Chamber-door.

My Master was wak'd at the Noise, and asked who was there? Open the Door, said she; open it this Minute! I said, clinging about his Neck, Dear, dear Sir, pray, pray don't!—O save me, save me! Don't sear, Pamela, said he. The Woman's mad, I believe.

But he call'd out, Who are you? What do you want?—You know my Voice well enough, faid the?—I will come in!—Pray, Sir, faid I, don't let her Ladyship in.—Don't be frighted, my Dear, faid he; she thinks we are not marry'd, and are afraid to be found a bed together. I'll let her in; but she shan't come near my Dearest.

So he flipt out of Bed, and putting on some of his Clothes, and Gown, and Slippers, he faid, What bold body dares difturb my Repose thus? and open'd the Door. In rush'd she; I'll see your Wickedness, said the, I will!—In vain shall you think to hide it from me!—What should I hide? said he. How dare you let a Foot into my House after the Usage I have receiv'd from you?—I had cover'd myself over Head and Ears, and trembled every Joint. He look'd and 'spy'd her Woman, and Kinsman, in the Room, she crying out, Bear Witness, Jackey; bear Witness, Beck; the Creature is now in his Bed. And not feeing the young Gentleman before, who was at the Feet of the Bed, he said, How now, Sir? What's your Bufiness in this Apartment! Begone this Moment!—And he went away directly.

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Beck, said my Lady, you see the Creature is in his Bed. I do Madam, answer'd she. My Master came to me, and said, Ay look Beck, and bear Witness; here is my Pamela!—My dear Angel, my lovely Creature, don't be afraid; look up, and see how frantickly this Woman of Quality behaves.

At that I just peep'd, and saw my Lady, who could not bear this, coming to me; and she said, Wicked abandon'd Wretch, vile Brother, to brave me thus! I'll tear the Creature out of Bed before your Face,

and expose you both as you deserve.

At that he took her in his Arms, as if she had been nothing, and carrying her out of the Room, she cry'd out, Beck, Beck! help me, Beck; the Wretch is going to sling me down Stairs. Her Woman ran to him, and said, Good Sir, for God's sake, do no Violence to my Lady: Her Ladyship has been ill all Night.

He fet her down in the Chamber she lay in, and she could not speak for Passion. Take care of your Lady, said he; and when she has render'd herself more worthy of my Attention, I'll see her; till then, at her Peril, and yours too, come not near my Apartment. And so he came to me, and with all the sweet soothing Words in the World, pacify'd my Fears, and gave me Leave to go to write in my Closet, as soon as my Fright was over, and to stay there till Things were more calm. And so he dress'd himself, and went out of the Chamber, permitting me, at my Desire, to fasten the Door after him.

At Breakfast time my Master tapp'd at the Door, and I said, Who's there? I my Dearest, said he. Oh! then, reply'd I, will I open it with Pleasure. I had wrote on a good deal; but I put it by when I ran to the Door. I would have lock'd it again, when he was in; but he said, Am not I here! Don't be assaid. Said he, Will you come down to Breakfast, my Love! O no, dear Sir, said I; be pleas'd to excuse me. Said he, I cannot bear the Look of it, that the Mistress of my House should breakfast in her Closet, as if she durst not come down, and I in it! O dearest Sir, reply'd I, pray pass that over for my sake; and don't let my Presence

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Presence aggravate your Sister, for a kind Punctilio. Then, my Dear, faid he, I shall breakfast with your here. No, pray, dear Sir, answer'd I, breakfast with your Sister. That, my Dear, reply'd he, will too much gratify her Pride, and look like a Slight to you -Dear Sir, said I, your Goodness is too great, for me to want punctilious Proofs of it. Pray oblige her Ladyship. She is your Guest; surely, Sir, you may be freest with your dutiful Wife!

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She is a strange Woman, said he: How I pity her ! -She has thrown herfelf into a violent Fit of the Cholick, thro' Passion: And is but now, her Woman fays, a little easier. I hope, Sir, faid I, when you carry'd her Ladyship out, you did not hurt her. No, reply'd he, I love her too well. I fet her down in the Apartment she had chosen; and she but now defires to see me, and that I will breakfast with her, or refuses to touch any thing. But, if my Dearest please, I will infift it shall be with you at the same time.

O no, no, dear Sir, said I: I should never forgive myself, if I did. I would on my Knees beg her Ladyhip's Goodness to me, now I am in your Presence, tho' I thought I ought to carry it a little stiff when you was ablent, for the fake of the Honour you had done me. And, dear Sir, if my deepest Humility

will please, permit me to shew it.

You shall do nothing, return'd he, unworthy of my Wife, to please the proud Woman!—But I will, however, permit you to breakfast by yourfelf this once, as I have not seen her since I have used her in so barbarous a manner, as I understand she exclaims I have: and as she will not eat any thing, unless I give her my Company.—So he faluted me, and withdrew, and I lock'd the Door after him again for Fear.

Mrs. Jewkes, foon after, rapp'd at my Door. Who's there? faid I. Only I, Madam. So I open'd the Door. 'Tis a fad Thing, Madam, faid she, you fould be so much afraid in your own House. brought me some Chocolate and Toast; and I ask'd her about my Lady's Behaviour. She said, she would not fuffer any body to attend but her Woman, because

she would not be heard what she had to say: but she believ'd, she said, her Master was very angry with the young Lord, as she call'd her Kinsman; for as she pass'd by the Door, she heard him say, in a high Tone, I hope, Sir, you did not forget what belongs to the Character you assume; or to that Effect,

About one o'Clock, my Master came up again, and he said, Will you come down to Dinner, Pamela, when I send for you? Whatever you command, Sir, I must do: But my Lady won't desire to see me. No matter whether she will or no. But I will not suffer that she shall prescribe her insolent Will to my Wise, and in your own House too.—I will by my Tenderness to you, mortify her Pride, and it cannot be done so

well as to her Face.

Dearest Sir, said I, pray indulge me, and let me dine here by myself. It will make my Lady but more inveterate.—Said he, I have told her we are marry'd. She is out of all Patience about it, and yet pretends not to believe it. Upon that I tell her, Then she shall have it her own way, and that I am not. And what has she to do with it either way? She has scolded and begg'd, commanded and pray'd, bless'd me, and curs'd me, by Turns, twenty times, in these sew Hours. And I have sometimes soothed her, sometimes storm'd at her, sometimes argued, sometimes raged; and at last I lest her, and took a Turn in the Garden for an Hour to compose myself, because you should not see how the soolish Woman russled me; and just now, I came out seeing her coming in.

Just as he had said so, I cry'd, Oh! my Lady, my Lady! for I heard her Voice in the Chamber, saying, Brother, Brother, one Word with you!—Stopping in Sight of the Closet where I was. He stept out, and she went up to the Window that looks towards the Garden, and said, Mean Fool that I am, to follow you up and down the House in this manner, tho' I am shunn'd and avoided by you! You a Brother!—you a Barbarian!—Is it possible we could be born of one

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Why, faid he, do you charge me with a Conduct to you, that you bring upon yourfelf?—Is it not surprizing, that you should take Liberties with me, that the dear Mother you have nam'd, never gave you an Example for to any of her Relations?—Was it not sufficient, that I was insolently taken to Task by you in your Letters, but my Retirements must be invaded? My House insulted? And, if I have one Person dearer to me than another, that that Person must be singled out for an Object of Violence?

Ay, faid she, that one Person is the Thing !—But tho' I came up with a Resolution to be temperate, and to expostulate with you on your avoiding me so unkindly, yet cannot I have Patience to look upon that Bed in which I was born, and to be made the guilty Scene of

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Hush! said he, I charge you, call not the dear Girl by any Name unworthy of her. You know not, as I wild you, her Excellence; and I desire you'll not repeat the Freedoms you have taken below.

He put his Hand before her Mouth, Be filent faid he, once more, I charge you. You know not the Innocence you abuse so freely; I ought not, neither will I bear it.

She fat down, and fann'd herfelf, and burst into Tears, and such Sobs of Grief, or rather Passion, that griev'd me to hear; and I sat and trembled sadly.—

He walk'd about the Room, in great Anger; and at last said, Let me ask you, Lady Davers, why I am thus insolently to be called to Account, by you. Am I not independent? Am I not of Age? Am I not at Liberty to please myself?—Would to God, that instead of a Woman and my Sister, any Man breathing had dar'd, whatever his Relation under that of a Father, to give himself half the Airs you have done!—Why did you not send of this accursed Errand your lord, who could write me such a Letter as no Gentle-

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man should write, nor any Gentleman tamely receive?

He should have seen the Difference.

We all know, faid she, that since your Italian Duel, you have commenc'd a Bravo; and all your Airs breathe as strongly of the Manslayer as of the Libertine. This, faid he, I will bear; for I have no Reason to be asham'd of that Duel, nor the Cause of it; fince it was to fave a Friend; and because 'tis levell'd at myself only: But suffer not your Tongue to

take too great a Liberty with my Pamela.

She interrupted him, in a violent Burst of Passion, If I bear this, faid she, I can bear any thing !--- 0 the little Strumpet !- He interrupted her then, and faid wrathfully, Begone, rageful Woman, begone this Moment from my Presence! Leave my House this Instant !- I renounce you, and all Relation to you; and never more let me see your Face, or call me Brother. And took her by the Hand to lead her out. hold of the Curtains of the Window, and faid, I will not go! you shall not force me from you thus ignominiously in the Wretch's Hearing, and suffer her to triumph over me in your barbarous Treatment of me.

Not confidering any thing, I run out of the Closet, and threw myself at my dear Master's Feet, as he held her Hand, in order to lead her out; and I faid, Dearest Sir, let me beg, that no Act of Unkindness, for my fake, pass between so worthy and so near Relations. Dear, dear Madam, said I, and clasp'd her Knees, pardon and excuse the unhappy Cause of all this Evil; on my Knees I beg your Ladyship to receive me to your Grace and Favour, and you shall find me incapable of any Triumph but in your Ladyship's

Goodness to me.

Creature, faid she, art thou to beg an Excuse for me!-Art thou to implore my Forgiveness! Is it to thee I am to owe the Favour that I am not cast headlong from my Brother's Presence! Begone to thy Corner, Wench; begone I fay, left thy Paramour kill me for trampling thee under my Foot.

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Her Woman came up, just as he had led me to my closet, and was returning to her Lady; and she very humbly said, Excuse my Intrusion, good Sir!—I hope I may come to my Lady. Yes, Mrs. Worden, said he, you may come in, and pray take your Lady down Stairs with you, for fear I should too much forget what belongs either to my Sister or myself!

I began to think (seeing her Ladyship so outrageous with her Brother) what a happy Escape I had had the Day before, tho' hardly enough us'd in Conscience too, as I thought.

Her Woman begg'd her Ladyship to walk down, and she said, Beck, seest thou that Bed? That was the Bed that I was born in; and yet that was the Bed, thou sawest as well as I, the wicked Pamela in this Morning, and this Brother of mine just risen from her!

True, faid he; you both faw it, and 'tis my Pride that you could fee it. 'Tis my Bridal Bed, and 'tis abominable, that the Happiness I knew before you came hither, should be so barbarously interrupted.

Swear to me but, thou bold Wretch, faid she; swear to me, that Pamela Andrews is really and truly thy lawful Wife, without sham, without Deceit, without Double-meaning, and I know what I have to

I'll humour you for once, faid he; and then fwore a folemn Oath, that I was. And, faid he, did I not tell you fo at first?

I cannot yet believe you, said she, because, in this Particular, I had rather have called you Knave than Fool,—Provoke me not too much, said he; for if I should as much forget myself as you have done, you'd have no more of a Brother in me, than I have a Sifter in you!

Who marry'd you? faid she; tell me that. Was, it not a broken Attorney in a Parson's Habit? Tell, me truly, in the Wench's Hearing. When she's undeceived,

ceived, she'll know how to behave herself better!

Thank God, thought I, it is not fo.

No, said he, and I'll tell you, that I bless God, I abhorred that Project, before it was brought to bear; and Mr. Williams marry'd us.—Nay then, said she—but answer me another Question or two, I befeech you. Who gave her away? Parson Peters, said he. Where was the Ceremony persorm'd? In my own little Chappel, which you may see, as it was put in Order on purpose.

Now, faid she, I begin to fear there is something in it! But who was present? faid she. Methinks, reply'd he, I look like a fine Puppy, to suffer myself to be thus interrogated by an insolent Sister. But, if you must know Mrs. Jewkes was present. O the Procures, said she! But nobody else? Yes, said he, all my

Heart and Soul!

Wretch! faid she! And what would thy Father and Mother have said, had they lived to this Day? Their Consents, reply'd he, I should have thought it my Duty to ask; but not yours, Madam.

Suppose, said she, I had marry'd my Father's Groom! what would you have said to that?——I could not have behav'd worse, reply'd he, than you have done. And would you not have thought, said

she, I had deserved it?

Said he, Does your Pride let you see no Difference in the Case you put? None at all, said she. Where can the Difference be between a Beggar's Son marry'd by a Lady; or a Beggar's Daughter made a Gentleman's Wife?

Then I'll tell you, reply'd he; The Difference is, a Man ennobles the Woman he takes; be she subo she will; and adopts her into his own Rank, be it what it will: But a Woman, tho' ever so nobly born, debases herself by a mean Marriage, and descends from her own Rank, to his she stoops to.

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When the broken-fortun'd Peer goes into the City to marry a rich Tradesman's Daughter, be he Duke or Earl, does not his Consort immediately become ennobled by his Choice? and who scruples to call her Lady, Dutches, or Countes?

But when a Dutchess, or Countess Dowager, descends to mingle with a Person of obscure Birth, does she not then degrade herself? and is she not effectually degraded? And will any Dutchess or Countess ranks with her.

Now, Lady Dawers, do you not see a Difference between my marrying my dear Mother's beloved and deserving Waiting-maid, with a Million of Excellencies about her, and such Graces of Mind and Person, as would adorn any Distinction; and your marrying a fordid Groom, whose constant Train of Education, Conversation, and Opportunities, could possibly give him no other Merit, than that which must proceed from the vilest lowest Taste, in his fordid Dignisher?

O the Wretch! said she, how he finds Excuses to palliate his Meanness.

Again, said he, let me observe to you, Lady Davers, when a Duke marries a private Person; is he not still her Head, by virtue of being her Husband? But, when a Lady descends to marry a Groom, is not that Groom her Head, as her Husband? And does not that Difference strike you? For what Lady of Quality ought to respect another, who has made so fordid a Choice, and set a Groom above her? For, would not that be to put that Groom upon a Par with themselves?—Call this Palliation, or what you will; but if you see not the Difference, you are blind, and a very unsit Judge for yourself, much more unsit to be a Censurer of me.

I'd have you, said she, publish your fine Reasons to the World, and they will be sweet Encouragements to all the young Gentlemen that read them, to cait Vol. II.

themselves away on the Servant-wenches in their Fa-milies.

Not at all, Lady Davers, reply'd he: For, if any young Gentleman stays till he finds such a Person as my Pamela; so inrich'd with the Beauties of Person and Mind, so well accomplish'd, and so fitted to adorn the Degree she is raised to, he will stand as easily acquitted, as I shall be to all the World that sees her, except there be many more Lady Davers's than I apprehend can possibly be met with.

And fo, return'd she, you say, You are actually and really marry'd, honestly, or rather foolishly, marry'd

to this Slut?

I am indeed, faid he, if you presume to call her so! And why should I not, if I please? Who is there ought to contradict me? Whom have I hurt by it?—Have I not an Estate, free and independent? Am I likely to be beholden to you, or any of my Relations? And why, when I have a Sufficiency in my own single Hands, should I scruple to make a Woman equally happy, who has all I want? For Beauty, Virtue, Prudence, and Generosity too, I will tell you she has more than any Lady I ever saw. Yes, Lady Dawers, she has all these naturally; they are born with her; and a few Years Education, with her Genius, has done more for her, than a whole Life has done for others.

No more, no more, I beseech you, said she; thou surfeitest me, honest Man, with thy weak Folly. Thou art worse than an Idolater; thou hast made a graven Image, and thou sallest down and worshippest the Works of thine own Hands: and, Jerebeam-like, would have every body else bow down before thy Cals!

Well said, Lady Davers! When ever your Passion suffers you to descend to Witticism, 'tis almost over with you. But let me tell you, tho' I worship my self this sweet Creature that you call such Names, I want nobody else to do it; and should be glad you had not intruded upon me, to interrupt me in the Course of our mutual Happiness.

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Well said, well said, my kind, well-manner'd Brother! said she. I shall, after this, very little interrupt your mutual Happiness, I'll assure you. I thought you a Gentleman once, and prided myself in my Brother; but I'll say with the Burial Service, Asset to Asses, and Dirt to Dirt!

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Ay, said he, Lady Davers, and there we must all end at last; you with all your Pride, and I with my plentiful Fortune, must come to it; and then where will be your Distinction? Let me tell you, except you and I both mend our Manners, tho' you have been no Duellist, no Libertine, as you call me, this amiable Girl, whom your Vanity and Folly so much despites, will out-sear us both, infinitely out-sear us; and he that judges best, will give the Preference where due, without Regard to Birth or Fortune.

Egregious Preacher, said she! What, my Brother already turn'd Puritan!—See what Marriage and Repentance may bring a Man to! I heartily congratulate this Change!—Well, said she, and came towards me, and I tremble to see her coming; but her Brother sollowed to observe her, and I stood up at her Approach, and she said, Give me thy Hand, Mrs. Pamela, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs.—what shall I call thee!—Thou hast done Wonders in a little time: Thou hast not only made a Rake a Husband; but thou hast made a Rake a Preacher! But take care, added she, after all, in ironical Anger, and tapp'd me on the Neck, take care that thy Vanity begins not where his ends; and that thou callest not thy-

She shall, I hope, Lady Davers, said he, when she can make as great a Convert of you from Pride, as she has of me from Libertinism.

Mrs. Jewkes just then came up, and said, Dinner was ready. Come, my Pamela, said my dear Master; you desired to be excus'd from breakfasting with us; but I hope you'll give Lady Dawers and me your Company to Dinner.

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in my own House, after I have told you I am marry'd? How dare you think of staying here one Mo. ment, and refuse my Wife the Honours that belong to her, as such?

Merciful God! said she, give me Patience! and held

her Hand to her Forehead.

Pray Sir, dear Sir, said I, excuse me; don't vex my Lady.—Be silent, my dear Love, said he; you see already what you have got by your sweet Condescension. You have thrown yourself at her Feet, and, insolent as she is, she has threaten'd to trample upon you. She'll ask you presently, if she is to owe her Excuse to your Interposition: and yet nothing else can make her forgiven.

Poor Lady! she could not bear this, and, as if she was discomposed, she ran to her poor grieved Woman, and took hold of her Hand, and said, Lead me down, lead me down, Beck! Let us instantly quit this House, this cursed House, that once I took Pleasure in; order the Fellows to get ready, and I will never see it, nor its Owner, more. And away she went down Stairs, in a great Hurry. And the Servants were order'd to

make ready for their Departure.

I saw my Master was troubled, and I went to him, and I said, Pray, dear Sir, sollow my Lady down, and pacify her. 'Tis her Love to you.—Poor Woman! said he, I am concern'd for her! But I insist upon your coming down, since Things are gone so far. Her Pride will get new Strength else, and we shall be all to begin again.

Dearest, dear Sir, said I, excuse my going down this once! Indeed, my dear, I won't reply'd he. What! shall it be said, that my Sister shall scare my Wise from my Table, and I present?—No, I have born too much already; and so have you. And I charge you come down, when I send for you.

He departed, saying these Words, and I durst not dispute; for I saw, he was determin'd. And there is as much Majesty as Goodness in him: as I have often had Reason to observe, the never more, than on the present Occasion with his Sister. Her Ladyship instantly

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Mrs. Jewkes went to her Ladyship, and said, Your Ladyship will be pleas'd to stay Dinner; 'tis just coming upon Table. No, said she, I have enough of this House! I have indeed. But give my Service to your Master, and I wish him happier than he has made me.

He had fent for me down, and I came, tho' unwillingly, and the Cloth was laid in the Parlour I had jump'd out of; and there was my Matter walking a-Mrs. Jewkes came in, and asked, if he pleas'd to have Dinner brought in? for my Lady would not come in, but defired her Service, and wish'd him happier than he had made her. He seeing at the Window, when he went to that Side of the Room, all ready to go, slept out to her, and said, Lady Davers, if I thought you would not be harden'd rather than foften'd by my Civility, I would ask you to walk in, and at least let your Kinsman and Servants dine before they go. She wept, and turn'd her face from him to hide it; he tock her Hand, and faid, Come, Siller, let me prevail upon you: Walk in. No! faid she, don't ask me. ___ I wish I could hate you, as much as you hate me !---You do, faid he, and a great deal more, I'll affure you; or else you'd not vex me as you do. —— Come pray walk in. Don't ask me, said she. Her Kinsman just then return'd: Why, Madam, said he, your Ladyship won't go till you have din'd, I hope. No Jackey, said she, I can't stay; I'm an Intruder here it seems !- Think, said my Master, of the Occasion K 3 you

you gave for that Word. Your violent Passions are the only Intruders! Lay them aside, and never Sister was dearer to a Brother. Don't say such another Word, said she, I beseech you: for I am too easy to forgive you any thing, for one kind Word!—You shall have one hundred, said he, nay, ten thousand, if they will do, my dear Sister, and kissing her, he added, pray give me your Hand. John, said he, put up the Horses; you are all as welcome to me, for all your Lady's angry with me, as at any Inn you can put up at. Come, Mr. H. said he, lead your Auntin, for she won't permit that Honour to me.

This quite overcame her; and she said, giving her Brother her Hand, Yes, I will, and you shall lead me any whither!— and kiss'd him. But don't think, said she, I can forgive you neither. And so he led her into the Parlour where I was. But said she, why do you lead me to this Wench? 'Tis my wise, my dear Sister; and if you will not love her, yet don't forget

common Civilities to her, for your own fake.

Pray, Madam, said her Kinsman, since your Brother is pleas'd to own his Marriage, we must not forget common Civilities as the 'Squire says. And, Sir, added he, permit me to wish you Joy. Thank you, Sir, said he. And may I, said he, looking at me? Yes, Sir, reply'd my Master. So he saluted me, very complaisantly, and said, I vow to Gad, Madam, I did not know this Yesterday; and, if I was guilty of a sault, I beg your Pardon.

My Lady said, Thou'rt a good-natur'd foolish Fellow; thou mightest have sav'd this nonsensical Parade, till I had given thee Leave. Why, Aunt, said he, if they're actually marry'd, there's no Help for't, and we must not make Mischief between Man and Wise.

But, Brother, said she, do you think I'll sit at Table with the Creature? No contemptuous Names I beseech you, Lady Davers! I tell you she is really my Wise; and I must be a Villain to suffer her to be ill used. She has no Protector but me; and if you will permit her, she will always love and honour you.

——Indeed, indeed, I will, Madam, said I.

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I cannot, I wo' not fit down at Table with her, faid she: Pamela, I hope thou dost not think I will? Indeed, Madam, said I, if your good Brother will permit it, I will attend your Chair all the Time you dine, to shew my Veneration for your Ladyship, as the Sister of my kind Protector. See, said he, her Condition has not alter'd her; but I cannot permit in her a Conduct unworthy of my Wife, and I hope my

Sister would not expect it neither.

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Let her leave the Room, reply'd she, if I must slay, Indeed, you're out of the Way, Aunt, faid her Kuitman; that is not right, as Things stand. Said my Mafler, no, Madam, that must not be; but if it must be so, we'll have two Tables; you and your Nephew shall fit at one, and my Spoule and I at the other: And then see what a Figure your unreasonable Punctil o will make you cut, ---- She feem'd irrefolute, and he fat her down at the Table, the first Course, which was Fish, being brought in. Where, said she to me, wouldst thou presume to fit? Would !! have me give Place to thee too, Wench ? _ Come, come, faid my Mafter, I'll put that out of Dispute: And so sat himself down by her Ladyship, at the upper End of the Table, and plac'd me on his Left-hand. Excuse me, my Dear, faid he, this once excuse me !-Oh! your curled Complaifance, said she, to such a-Hush, Sifter, Hush, said he, I will not bear her to be spoken flightingly of! 'Tis enough, that to oblige your violent and indecent Caprice, you make me compromise with you thus.

Come, Sir, added he, pray take your Place next your gentle Aunt!——Beck, said she, do you sit down by Pamela there, since it must be so; we'll be hail Fellow all! With all my Heart, reply'd my Master: I have so much Honour for all the Sex, that I would not have the meanest Person of it stand, while I sit, had I been to have made the Custom. Mrs. Worden, pray sit down. Sir, said she, I hope I shall know my

Place better.

My Lady fat confidering, and then lifting up her Hands, faid, Lord! What will this World come to?

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To nothing but what's very good, reply'd my Matter, if such Spirits as Lady Davers's do but take the Rule of it. Shall I help you, Sister, to some of that Carp? Help your beloved, said she! That's kind, said he!—Now, that's my good Lady Davers. Here, my Love, let me help you, since my Sister desires it!—Mighty well! return'd she, mighty well!—But

fat on one S de turning from me, as it were.

Dear Aunt, said her Kinsman, let's see you buss and be Friends; since 'tis so, what signifies it? Hold thy Fool's Torque, said she! Is thy Tone so soon turn'd since Yesterday? Said my Master, I hope nothing affronting was offer'd Yesterday to my Wise in her own House. She hit him a good smart Slap on the Shoulder; take that impudent Brother, said she. I'll Wise you, and in her own House! She seem'd half asraid; but he, in very good Humour kiss'd her, and said, I thank you, Sister, I thank you. But I have not had a Blow from you before of some time!

'Fore Gad, Sir, said her Kinsman, 'tis very kind of you to take it so well. Her Ladyship is as good a Woman as ever liv'd; but I have had many a Cuff

from her myself.

I won't put it up neither, said my Master, except you'll assure me, you have seen her serve her Lord so.

I press'd my Foot to his, and said, softly, don't dear Sir!—What, said she, is the Creature begging me off from Insult? If his Manners won't keep him from outraging me, I wo'not owe his Forbearance to

thee, Wench.

Said my Master, and put some Fish on my Lady's Plate, Well, does Lady Davers use the Word Insult!

—But, come, let me see you eat one Mouthful, and I'll forgive you; and he put the Knise in one of her Hands, and the Fork in the other. As I hope to live, said he, I cannot bear this silly Childishness, for nothing at all. I am quite asham'd of it.

She put a little Bit to her Mouth, but put it down in her Plate again: I cannot eat, said she; I cannot swallow, I'm sure. It will certainly choak me. He

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had forbid his Men-servants to come in, that they might not behold the Scene he expected; and rose from Table himself, and fill'd a Glass of Wine, her Woman offering, and her Kinsman rising to do it. Mean-time, his Seat between us being vacant, she turn'd to me, how now, Considence, said she, darest thou sit next me? Why dost thou not rise, and take the Glass from thy Property?

Sit still, my dear, said he, I'll help you both. But I arose; for I was asraid of a good Cuff; and said, pray, Sir, let me help my Lady? So you shall, reply'd he, when she's in a Humour to receive it as she ought. Sister, said he, with a Glass in his Hand, pray drink; you'll perhaps eat a little Bit of something then. Is this to insult me, said she?

No, really, return'd he; but to incite you to eat; for you'll be sick for want of it.

She took the Glass, and said, God forgive you, wicked Wretch, for your Usage of me this Day!—
This is a little as it used to be!— I once had your Love;—and now it is changed; and for who? that vexes me! And wept so, she was forced to set down the Glass.

You don't do well, faid he. You neither treat me like your Brother, nor a Gentleman; and if you would fuffer me, I would love you as well as ever. But, for a Woman of Sense and Understanding, and a fine-bred Woman, as I once thought my Sifter, you act quite a childish Part. Come, added he, and held the Glass to her Lips, let your brother, that you once lov'd, prevail on you to drink this Glass of Wine --She then drank it. He kiss'd her, and said, Oh! how Passion deforms the noblest Minds! You have lost a good deal of that Loveline's that used to adorn my Sister. And let me persuade you to compose yourself, and be by my Sister again! - For Lady Davers is indeed a fine Woman, and has a Presence as majestic for a Lady, as her dear Brother has for a Gentleman.

He then sat down between us again, and said, when the second Course came in, Let Abraham come

in, and wait. I touched his Toe again; but he minded it not; and I saw he was right; for her Ladyship began to recollect herself, and did not behave half so forrowfully before the Servants, as she had done; and help'd herself with some little Freedom; but she could not forbear a strong Sigh and a Sob, now and then. She call'd for a Glass of the same Wine she had drank before. Said he, shall I help you again, Lady Davers?——and rose at the same time, and went to the Side-board, and silled her a Glass. Indeed, said she, I love to be sooth'd by my Brother!——Your Health, Sir.

Said my Master to me with great Sweetness, my dear, now I'm up, I'll fill for you! — I must serve both Sisters alike! She look'd at the Servant, as if he were a little Check upon her, and said to my Master, how now, Sir! — Not that you know of. He whisper'd her, don't shew any Contempt before my Servants to one I have so deservedly made their Mistress. Consider 'tis done. — Ay, said she, that's the Thing

that kills me.

He gave me a Glass; My good Lady's Health, Sir, said I, and stood up. — That won't do, said she, leaning towards me, softly; and was going to say, Wench, or Creature, or some such Word. And my Master, seeing Abraham look towards her, her Eyes being red and swell'd, said, indeed, Sister, I would not vex my self about it if I was you. About what, said she? Why, reply'd he, about your Lord's not coming down, as he had promised. He sat down, and she tapp'd him on the Shoulder: Ah! Wickedone, said she, nor will that do neither! —Why, to be sure, added he, it would vex a Lady of your Sense and Merit, to be slighted, if it was so; but I am sure my Lord loves you, as well as you love him; and you know not what might have happen'd.

She shook her Head, and said, That's like your Art!

This makes one amaz'd you should be so caught!

Who, my I ord caught! said he; no, no! he'll have more Wit than so! But I never heard you was jealous before. Nor, said she, have you any Reason.

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to think so now! Honest Friend, you need not wait, said she; my Woman will help us to what we want. Yes, let him, reply'd he. Abraham fill me a Glass. Come, said my Master, Lord Dawers to you, Madam: I hope he'll take care he is not found out!—You're very provoking, Brother, said she. I wish you was as good as Lord Dawers.—But don't carry your Jest too far. Well said he, 'tis a tender Point, I own, I've done.

By these kind Managements the Dinner passed over better than I expected. And when the Servants were withdrawn, my Master said, still keeping his Place between us, I have a Question to ask you, Lady Dawers; and that is, if you will bear me Company to Bedfordshire, I was intending to set out thither to morrow. But I'll tarry your Pleasure, if you'll go with me.

Is thy Wife, as thou callest her to go along with thee, Friend? said she. Yes, to be sure, answer'd he, my dear Quaker Sister, and took her Hand, and smil'd. And wouldst have me parade it with her on the Road? — Hay! — And make one to grace her Retinue? — Hay! — Tell me how thou'dst chalk it out, if I would do as thou wouldst have me, honest Friend!

He clasped his Arms about her, and kissed her: You are a dear saucy Sister, said he; but I must love you! — Why, I'll tell you how I'd have it. Here shall you, and my Pamela—Leave out my, I define you, if you'd have me sit patiently. No, said he, I can't do that. Here shall you, and my Pamela, go together in your Chariot, if you please; and she will then appear as one of your Retinue; and your Nephew and I will sometimes ride, and sometimes go into my Chariot, to your Woman.

Shouldst thou like this, Creature? said she to me.—
If your Ladyship think it not too great an Honour for me Madam, said I. Yes, reply'd she, but my Ladyship does think it would be too great an Honour.

Now I think of it, said he, this must not be, neither; for without you'd give her the Hand, in your even Chariot, my Wife would be thought your Woman, and that must not be. Why, that would, may be, said she, be the only Inducement for me to bear her near me, in my Chariot. — But, how then? — Why then, when we came home. we'd get Lord Da-

vers to come to us, and stay a Month or two.

And what if he was to come? —Why I would have you, as I know you have a good Fancy, give Pamela your Judgment on some Patterns I expect from London, for Cloaths.—Provoking Wretch! said she; now I wish I may keep my Hands to my self. I don't say it to provoke you, said he, nor ought it to do so. But when I tell you, I am marry'd, is it not a Conse-

quence, that we must have new Cloaths?

Hast thou any more of these obliging Things to say to me, Friend? said she. I will make you a Present, return'd he, worth your Acceptance, if you will grace us with your Company at Church, when we make our Appearance!—Take that, said she, if I die sor't; Wretch that thou art! and was going to hit him a great Slap, but he held her Hand Her Kinsman said, dear Aunt, I wonder at you! why all these are

things of Course.
I begg'd Leave to withdraw; and as I went out, my good Master said, There's a Person! There's a Shape! There's a Sweetness! O Lady Davers! were you a Man, you would doat on her, as I do. Yes, said the naughty Lady, so I should, for my Harlot, but not for a Wise. I turn'd, on this, and said, indeed your Ladyship is cruel; and well may Gentlemen take Liberties, when Ladies of Honour say such Things! And I wept, and added, your Ladyship's Instuence, if your good Brother were not the most generous of Men, would make me very unhappy.

No Fear, Wench; no Fear, said, she: Thou'lt hold him, as long as any Body can, I see that!——Poor Sally Godfrey never had half the Interest in him,

I'll affire you!

Stay, my Pamela, said he, in a Passion; stay, when I bid you. You have heard this Day, two vile Charges upon me! I love you with such a true Affection, that I ought to say something before this malici-

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Her Nephew seem'd uneasy, and blam'd her much; and I came back, but trembled as I stood; and he sat me down, and said, taking my Hand, I have been accused, my Dear, as a Dueller, and now as a Prossigate, in another Sense! and there was a Time, I should not have received these Imputations with so much Concern as I now do, when I would wish by degrees, by a Conformity of my Manners to your Virtue, to shew every one the Force your Example has upon me.

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I had a Friend, who had been basely attempted to be affaffinated by Bravoes, hir'd by a Man of Title in Italy, who like many other Persons of Title, had no Honour; and at Padua, I had the Fortune to difarm one of these Bravoes in my Friend's Defence, and made him confess his Employer; and him, I own, I challeng'd. At Sienna we met and he dy'd in a Month after, of a Fever, but I hope, not occafion'd by the flight Wounds he had receiv'd from me, tho' I was obliged to leave Italy upon it, fooner than I intended, because of his numerous Relations, who looked upon me as the Cause of his Death. Tho' I pacify'd them by a Letter I wrote them from Inspruck, acquainting them with the Baseness of the deceased; and they followed me not to Munich, as they had intended.

This is one of the good natur'd Hints, that might shock your Sweetness on reflecting that you are yoked with a Murderer. The other—Nay, Brother, said she, say no more. 'Tis your own Fault if you go further. She shall know it all, said he; and I defy

the utmost stretch of your Malice.

When I was at College, I was well receiv'd by a Widow Lady, who had several Daughters, and but small Fortunes to give them; and the old Lady set one of them; a deserving good Girl she was; to draw me in to a Marriage with her, for the sake of the Fortune I was Heir to; and contriv'd many Opportunities to bring us and leave us together, I was not then

of Age; and the young Lady, not half so artful as her Mother, yielded to my Addresses, before the Mother's Plot could be ripen'd, and so utterly disappointed it. This, my Pamela, is the Sally Godfrey this malicious Woman, with the worlt Intentions, has informed you And whatever other Liberties I may have taken : for perhaps some more I have, which, had she known, you had heard of as well as this; I defire Heaven will only forgive me till I revive its vengeance by the like Offences, in Injury to my Pamela.

And now, my Dear, you may withdraw; for this worthy Sifter of mine has faid all the bad she knows of me; and what, at a proper Opportunity, when I could have convinced you, that they were not my Boaft, but my Concern, I should have acquainted you with. myself; for I am not fond of being thought better than I am: Tho', I hope, from the Hour I devoted myself to fo much Virtue, to that of my Death, my Conduct

shall be irreproachable.

She was greatly mov'd at this, and the noble Manner in which the dear Gentleman own'd and repented of his Faults; and gushed out into Tears, and said, No, don't yet go, Pamela, I beseech you. My Passion has carry'd me too far a great deal; and coming to me, she took my Hand, and said, you must stay to hear me beg his Pardon, and so took his Hand-But, to my Concern, (for I was grieved for her Ladyship's Grief) he burst from her; and went out of the Parlour into the Garden, in a violent Rage, that made me tremble. Her Ladyship sat down, and leaned her Head against my Bosom, and made my Neck wet with her Tears, holding me by my Hands; and I wept for Company .- Her Kiniman walked up and down the Parlour, in a fad Fret; and going out afterwards, he came in, and faid, the 'Squire has order'd his Chariet to be got ready, and won't be spoken to by any body. Where is he? faid she ___ Walking in the Garden till 'tis ready, reply'd he.

Well, said she, I have indeed gone too far. I was bewitched! And now, faid she, malicious as he calls me, will he not forgive me for a Twelvemonth : For Ltell

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I tell you, Pamela, if ever you offend, he will not easily forgive, I was all delighted, tho' fad, to see her Ladyship so good to me. Will you venture, said the, to accompany me to him! - Dare you follow a Lion in his Retreats? ---- I'll attend your Ladyship, faid I, where-ever you command. Well, Wench, faid she, Pamela, I mean, thou art very good in the main !- I should have lov'd thee as well as my Mother did-if-but 'tis all over now! Indeed you should not have marry'd my Brother! But come, I must love him! Let's find him out. And yet will he now use me worse than a Dog !—I should not, added she, have so much exasperated him: For whenever I have, I have always had the worst of it. He knows I love him.

In this manner her Ladyship talk'd to me, leaning on my Arm, and walked into the Garden. I saw he was still in a Tumult, as it were; and he took another Walk to avoid us.—She call'd after him, and said, Brother, Brother, Let me speak to you!—One Word with you! And as we made haste towards him, and came near to him; I defire, said he, that you'll not oppress me more with your Follies and your Violence. I have born too much with you. And I will vow for a Twelvemonth, from this Day—Hush, said she, don't vow, I beg you; for too well will you keep it, I know by Experience, if you do: You see, said she, I stoop to ask Pamela to be my Advocate. Sure that will pacify you!

Indeed, said he, I desire to see neither of you, on such an Occasion; and let me be only lest to myself; for I will not be intruded upon thus; and was going away.—But she said, one Word first, I desire—If you'll forgive me, I'll forgive you!—What, said the dear Man, haughtily, will you forgive me!—Why, said she, for she saw him too angry to mention his Marriage, as a Subject that requir'd her Pardon,—I will forgive you all your had Usage of me this Day.

I will be ferious with your Sister, said he: I wish you most sincerely well; but let us, from this Time,

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near one another more.—Never? faid she.—And can you desire this, barbarous Brother! can you?—I can, I do, said he, and I have nothing to do, but hide from you, not a Brother, but a Murderer, and a Prosligate, unworthy of your Relation; and let me be consign'd to Penitence for my past Evils: A Penitence however, that shall not be broken in upon by so violent an Accuser.

Pamela, said he, and made me tremble, how dare you approach me without Leave, when you see me thus disturb'd!—Never, for the suture, come near me, while I am in these Tumults, unless I send for you.

Dear Sir! said I.—Leave me, interrupted he, I will set out for Bedfordsbire this Moment: What! Sir, said I, without me?—What have I done! You have too meanly, said he, for my Wise stooped to this surious Sister of mine; and till I can recollect, I am not pleased with you: But Colbrand shall attend you, and two other of my Servants; and Mrs. Jewkes shall wait upon you Part of the Way. And I hope, you'll find me in a better Disposition to receive you there, than I am at parting with you here.

Had I not hoped, that this was partly put on to intimidate my Lady, I believe I could not have borne it: But it was grievous to me; for I saw he was most sin-

cerely in a Paffion.

I was afraid, said she, he would be angry at you, as well as me; for well do I know his unreasonable Violence, when he is moved. But one Word, Sir, said she; Pardon Pamela, if you won't me; for she has committed no Offence, but that of Good-nature to me, and at my Request. I will begone myself, directly, as I was about to do, had you not prevented me.

I prevented you, said he, thro' Love; but you have stung me for it, thro' Hatred. But as for my Pamela, I know, besides the present Moment, I cannot be angry with her; and therefore I desire her never to see me on such Occasions till I can see her in the Temper I ought to be in when so much Sweetness approaches me. 'Tis therefore, I say, my Dearest, leave me now.

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May I, Sir, faid I, beg all your Anger on myfelf, and to be reconciled to your good Sister? Presuming Pamela! reply'd he, and made me start, art thou then so hardy, so well able to sustain a Displeasure, which, of all things, I expected, from thy Affection and thy Tenderness, thou wouldst have wished to avoid? Now, faid he, and took my Hand, and, as it were, toft it from him, begone from my Presence, and reflect upon what you have faid to me!

I was so frighted, for then I saw he took amiss what I faid, that I took hold of his Knees as he was turning from me, and I faid, forgive me, good Sir; you see I am not so hardy! I cannot bear your Dis-

pleasure! And was ready to fink.

His Sister said, Only forgive Pamela; 'tis all I alk! You'll break her Spirit quite ! - You'll carry your Passion as much too far as I have done! I need not fay, faid he, how well I love her; But she must not intrude upon me at such times as thele! —— I had intended, as foon as I could have quell'd by my Reason, the Tumults you had caused by your Violence, to have come in, and taken fuch a Leave of you both, as might become a Husband and a Brother; but she has, unbidden, broken in upon me, and must take the Consequence of a Passion, which, when raised, is as uncontroulable as your own.

Said she, Did I not love you so well, as Sister never loved a Brother, I should not have given you all this Trouble. And did I not, faid he, love you better than you are refolv'd to deserve, I should be indifferent to all you fay. But this last Instance, (after the Duelling-story, which you would not have mention'd, had you not known it is always matter of Concern for me to think up on) of poor Sally Godfrey, is a Piece of

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Spite and Meannels, that I can renounce you my Blood for ever.

Well, said she, I am convinced it was wrong. I am asham'd of it myself. 'Twas poor, 'twas mean, 'twas unworthy of your Sister: And 'tis for this Reason I stoop to follow you, to beg your Pardon, and even to procure for my Advocate one, that I thought had some interest in you, if I might have believed your own Professions to her; which now I shall begin to think made purposely to insult me.

I care not what you think! — After the Meanness you have been guilty of, I can only look upon you with Pity. For, indeed, you have fallen very low

with me.

'Tis plain I have, said she. But, I'll begone.—And so, Brother, let me call you so this once! God bless you! And, Pamela, said her Ladyship, God

bless you! and kissed me, and wept.

I durst say no more; and my Lady turning from him, he said, Your Sex is the D—1! how strangely can you discompose, calm, and turn, as you pleate, us poor Weathercocks of Men! Your last kind Bessing to my Pamela, I cannot stand! Kiss but each other again. And he then took both our Hands, and join'd them; and my Lady saluting me again, with Tears on both sides, he puts his kind Arms about each of our Waists, and saluted us with great Affection, saying, Now, God bless you both, the two dearest Creatures I have in the World:

Well, said she, you will quite forget my Fault about Miss—He stopt her, before she could speak the Name, and said, For ever forget it!—And, Pamela, I'll forgive you too, if you don't again make my Displeasure so light a thing to you, as you did just

now!

Said my Lady, She did not make your Displeafure a light thing to her; but the heavier it was, the higher Compliment she made me, that she would bear it all, rather than not to see you and me reconciled. No matter for that, said he: It was either an Absence of Thought, or a Slight, by implication at least, that my For, 1 Disple the ple her, v

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my Niceness could not bear from her Tenderness. For, looked it not presuming, that she could stand my Displeasure, or was sure of making her Terms when she pleas'd? Which, fond as I am of her, I assure her, will not be always, in wilful Faults, in her own Power.

Nay, faid my Lady, I can tell you, Pamela, you have a Gentleman here in my Brother; and you may expect fuch Treatment from him, as that Character, and his known good Sense and Breeding, will always oblige him to shew: But if you offend, the Lord have Mercy upon you!—You see how it is by poor me!—And yet, I never knew him forgive so soon.

I am sure, said I, I will take care as much as I can I for I have been frighted out of my Wits, and had offended before I knew where I was.

So happily did this Storm blow over; and my Lady was quite subdu'd and pacify'd. When we came out of the Garden, his Chariot was ready; and he said, Well, Sister, I had most assuredly gone away towards my other House, if things had not taken this happy Turn; and if you please, instead of it, you and I will take an Airing: And pray, my Dear, said he to me, bid Mrs. Jewkes order Supper by Eight o'Clock, and we shall then join you.

Sir, added he, to her Nephew, will you take your Horse, and escorte us? I will said he; and am glad, at my Soul, to see you all so good Friends. So my dear lordly Master (O my dear Parents! he is very dreadful when he pleases, I see !-But, I hope, I shall never incur his Anger) handed my Lady into his Chariot, and her Kinsman, and his Servant, rode after them; and I went up to my Closet, to ruminate on these things. And, foolish thing that I am, this poor Miss Sally Godfrey runs in my Head! —— How foon the Name and Quality of a Wife gives one Privileges, in one's own Account !- Yet, methinks, I want to know more about her; for, is it not strange, that I, who lived Years in the Family, should have heard nothing of this? But I was so constantly with my Lady, that I might the lefs hear of it; for the,

I dare fay, never knew it, or she would have told

But I dare not ask him about the poor Lady-Yet I wonder what became of her? Whether she be living? And whether any thing came of it? -May be I shall hear full soon enough :--- But I hope not

to any bad Purpole.

As to the other unhappy Case, I know it was talk'd of, that in his Travels, before I was taken into the Family long, he had one or two Broils; and, from a Youth, he was always remarkable for Courage, and is reckon'd a great Master of his Sword. God grant he may never be put to use it! And that he may be

always preserved in honour and safety.

About Seven o'Clock, my Mailer fent word, that he would have me not expect him to Supper. For that he and my Lady his Sister, and Nephew, were prevailed upon to stay with Lady Jones; and that Lady Darnford, and Mr. Peters's Family, had promiled to meet them there. I was glad that they did not fend for me; and the rather, as I hoped those good Families, being my Friends, would confirm my Lady a little in my Favour: and fo I follow'd my Writing closely.

About Eleven o'Clock they return'd. I had but just come down, having tir'd myself with my Pen, and was fitting talking with Mrs. Jewkes and Mrs. Worwhom I would, tho' unwillingly on their den, Sides, make fit down over against me. Mrs. Worden asked me Pardon, in a good deal of Confusion, for the Part she had acted against me; saying, That Things had been very differently represented to her; and that the little thought I had been marry'd, and that she was behaving so rudely to the Lady of the

House.

I faid, I took nothing amis, and very freely forgave her; and hoped my new Condition would not make me forget how to behave properly to every one; but that I must endeavour to act not unworthy. of it, for the Henour of the Gentleman who had lo generously raised me to it. Mrs.

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Mrs. Jewkes faid, that my Situation gave me great Opportunities of shewing the Excellency of my Nature, that I could forgive Offences against me so readily, as the for her own Part, must always, she said, acknow-

ledge, with Confusion of Face.

People, said I, Mrs. Jewkes, don't know how they shall act, when their Wills are in the Power of their Superiors; and I always thought one should distinguish between acts of Malice, and of implicit Obedience; tho', at the same time, a Person should know how to judge between lawful and unlawful. And even the Great, continued I, tho' at present angry they are not obey'd, will afterwards have no ill Opinion of a Person for withstanding them in their unlawful Commands.

Mrs. Jewkes seem'd a little concern'd at this; and I faid, I spoke chiefly from my own Experience; for that I might fay, as they both knew my Story, that I had not wanted both for Menaces and Temptations; and had I comply'd with the one, or been intimidated by the other, I should not have been what I

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Ah! Madam, faid Mrs. Jewkes, I never knew any body like you: And I think your Temper, sweeter fince the happy Day, than before; and that, if pos-

tible, you take less upon you than before.

Why, a good Reason, said I, may be assigned for that: I thought myself in Danger: I look'd upon every one as my Enemy; and it was impossible that I should not be fretful, uneasy, jealous. But when my dearest Sir had taken from me the Ground of my Uneafiness, and made me quite happy, I should have been very blameable if I had not shewn a satisfy'd and easy Mind, and a Temper that should engage every one's Respect and Love at the same time, if posfible: And so much the more, as it was but justifying, in some fort, the Honour I had received; for the fewer Enemies I made myself, the more I engaged every one to think, that my good Benefactor had been less to blame in descending as he has done. This

This way of talking pleas'd them both very much; and they made me many Compliments upon it, and wished me to be always happy, as, they said, I so well deserved.

We were thus engaged, when my Master and his Sifter, and her Nephew, came in. And they made me quite alive, in the happy Humour in which they The two Women would have with. all return'd. drawn, but my Master said, Don't go, Mrs. Worden; Mrs. Jewkes, pray stay; I shall speak to you present. ly. So he came to me, and faluting me, faid, Well, my dear Love, I hope I have not trespass'd upon your Patience, by an Absence longer than we design'd. But it has not been to your Disadvantage; for the we had not your Company, we have talked of nobody elfe but you.

My Lady came up to me, and faid, Ay, Child, you have been all our Subject. I don't know how it is; but you have made two or three whole Families, in this Neighbourhood, as much your Admirers, as your

Friends here.

My Sister, said he, has been hearing your Praises, Pamela, from half a score Mouths, with more Pleafure than her Heart will eafily let her express.

My good Lady Davers's Favour, faid I, and the Continuance of yours Sir, would give me more Pride than that of all the rest of the World put toge-

ther.

Well, Child, faid she, proud Hearts don't come down all at once; tho' my Brother here has, this Day, fet mine a good many Pegs lower than I ever knew it: But I will say, I wish you Joy with my Brother; and so kissed me.

My dear Lady, faid I, you for ever oblige me! I shall now believe myself quite happy. all I wanted to make me so! And, I hope, I shall always, thro' my Life, shew your Ladyship, that I have the most grateful and respectful Sense of your Goodness.

But, Child, faid he, I shall not give you my Company when you make your Appearance. Let your own your . ones ; nor al

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own Merit, make all your Bedfordshire Neighbours your Friends, as it has done here, by your Lincolnshire ones; and you'll have no need of my Countenance, nor any body's else.

Now, said her Nephew, 'tis my Turn I wish you Joy with all my Soul, Madam; and, by what I have seen, and by what I have heard, 'Fore Gad, I think you have met with no more than you deserve; and so all the Company says, where we have been. And pray forgive all my Nonsense to you.

Sir, faid I, I shall always, I hope, respect as I ought, so near a Relation of my good Lord, and Lady Dawers; and I thank you for your kind Compliment.

Gad, Beck, said he, I believe you've some Forgiveness too to ask; for we were all to blame, to make Madam, here, sly the Pit, as she did! little did we think we made her quit her own House.

Thou always, faid my Lady, fay'ft too much or too little.

Mrs. Worden said, I have been treated with so much Goodness and Condescension, since you went, that, I have been beforehand, Sir, in asking Pardon for myself.

So my Lady sat down with me half an Hour, and told me how her Brother had carry'd her a fine Airing, and had quite charm'd her with his kind Treatment of her; and had much confirm'd her in the good Opinion she had begun to entertain of my discreet and obliging Behaviour: But, continued she, when he would make me visit, without intending to stay, my old Neighbours, (for, said she, Lady Jones being nearest, we visited her first; and she scrap'd all the rest of the Company together) they were all so full of your Praises, that I was quite borne down; and, truly, it was Saul among the Prophets!

You may believe how much I was delighted with this; and I spar'd not my due Acknowledgments.

When her Ladyship took Leave to go to bed, she said, Good-night to you, heartily, and to your good Man, I kills'd you when I came in, out of Form;

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you.

Join with me, my dear Parents, in my Joy for this happy Turn; the contrary of which, I so much dreaded, and was the only Difficulty I had to labour with!——This poor Miss Sally Godfrey, I wonder what's become of her, poor Soul!——I wish he would, of his own Head, mention her again.——Not that I am very uneasy neither.—You'll say, I must be a

little faucy, if I was.

My dear Master gave me an Account, when we went up, of the Pains he had taken with his beloved Sister, as he himself styled her; and of all the kind things the good Families had faid in my Behalf; and that he observ'd she was not so much displeas'd with hearing them, as she was at first; when she would not permit any body to speak of me as his Wife. that my Health, as his Spouse; being put; when it came to her, she drank it; but faid, Come, Brother, here's your Pamela to you. - But I shall not know how to stand this Affair, when the Countessand the young Ladies come to vifit me. It was with one of those young Ladies, that she was so fond of promoting a Match with her Brother.—Lady Betty, I know, faid she, will rally me smartly upon it; and you know, Brother, she wants neither Wit, nor Satire. He said, I hope, Lady Betty, whenever she marries, will meet with a better Husband than I should have made her; for, on my Conscience, I think, I should hardly have made a tolerable one to any but Pamela.

He told me. That they railied him on the Stateliness of his Temper; and said, They saw he would make an exceeding good Husband where he was; but it must be owing to my Meekness, more than his Complaisance; for, said Miss Darnford, I could see, well enough, when your Ladyship detained her, tho he had but hinted his Desire of sinding her at our House, he was so out of Humour at her supposed Non-

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Ay, faid my Lady, he is too lordly a Creature, by much, and can't bear Disappointment, and never could.

Said he, Well Lady Davers, you should not, of all Persons, find fault with me; for I bore a great deal from you, before I was at all angry.

Yes, reply'd she; but when I had gone a little too far, as I own I did, you made me pay for it severely enough! you know you did, Sauce-Box. And the poor thing too, added she, that I took with me for my advocate, so low had he brought me! he treated in such a manner, as made my Heart ach for her: But part was Art, I know, to make me think the better of her.

Indeed, Sifter, faid he, there was very little of that; for, at that time, I cared not what you thought, nor had Complaifance enough to have given a Shilling for your good or bad Opinion of her or me. And, I own, I was displeased to be broken in upon, after your Provocations, by either of you; and she must learn that Lesson, never to come near me, when I am in those Humours: which shall be as little as posfible; for, after a while, if let alone, I always come to myself, and am sorry for the Violence of a Temper so like my dear Sister's here: And, for this Reaion, think it is no matter how few Witnesses I have of its intemperance, while it lasts; especially fince every Witness, whether they merit it or not, as you ice in my Pamela's Case, must be a Sufferer by it, if, unsent for, they come in my Way.

He repeated the same Lesson to me again, and inforc'd it; and own'd, that he was angry with me in Earnest, just then; tho' more with himself, afterwards, for being so: But when Pamela, said he, you wanted to transfer all my Displeasure upon yourself, it was so much braving me with your Merit, as if I must soon end my Anger, if placed there; or it was making it so light to you, that I was truly displeased.

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For, continued he, I cannot bear that you should wish. on any Occasion whatever, to have me angry with you, or not to value my displeasure, as the heaviest

Misfortune that could befal you.

But, Sir, said I, you know, that what I did was to try to reconcile my Lady, and as she herself observ'd. it was paying her a high Regard. It was fo, reply'd he; but never think of making a Compliment to her or any body living, at my Expence. Befides, she had behav'd herself so intolerably, that I began to think you had stooped too much, and more than I ought to permit my Wife to do; and Acts of Meanness are what I can't endure in any body, but especially where I love; and as she had been guilty of a very fignal one. I had much rather have renounced her, at that time. than have been reconciled to her.

Sir, faid I, I hope I shall always comport myself fo, as not wilfully to disoblige you for the future; and the rather do I hope this, as I am fure I shall want only to know your Pleasure, to obey it. But this instance shews me, that I may much offend, without de-

figning it in the leaft.

Now, Pamela, reply'd he, don't be too ferious; I hope I shan't be a very tyrannical Husband to you, Yet do I not pretend to be perfect, or to be always govern'd by Reason in my first Transports; and I expect, from your Affection, that you will bear with me when you find me wrong. I have no ingrateful Spirit, and can, when cool, enter as impartially into myfel, as most Men; and then I am always kind and acknowledging, in proportion as I have been out of the Way.

But, to convince you, my Dear, continued he, of your Fault, (I mean, with regard to the impetuofity of my Temper; for there was no Fault in your intention, that I acknowledge) I'll observe only, that you met, when you came to me, while I was fo out of Humour, a Reception you did not expect, and a harh Word or two, that you did not deferve. Now had you not broken in upon me, while my Anger lasted, but they'd till I had come to you, or fent to defire your Company,

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Company, you'd have seen none of this; but that affectionate behaviour, that, I doubt not, you'll always merit, and I shall always take Pleasure in expressing; and in this Temper shall you always find a proper Influence over me: But you must not suppose, whenever I am out of Humour, that, in opposing yourself to my Passion, you oppose a proper Butt to it; but when you are so good, like the slender Reed, to bend to the Hurricane, rather than like the sturdy Oak, to resist it, you will always stand firm in my kind opinion, while a contrary Conduct would aproot you, with all your Excellencies, from my Soul.

Sir, faid I, I will endeavour to conform myfelf, in all things, to your Will. I make no Doubt, but you will: And I'il endeavour to make my Will as conformable to Reason as I can. And let me tell you, that this Belief of you, is one of the inducements I have had to marry at all. For nobody was more averse to this State than myself; and now we're upon this Subject, I'll tell you why I was so averse.

We people of Fortune, or such as are born to large Expectations, of both Sexes, are generally educated wrong. You have occasionally touch'd upon this, Pamela, several times in your Journal, so justly, that I need say the less to you. We are usually so headstrong, so violent in our Wills, that we very little bear Controul.

Humour'd by our Nurses, thro' the Faults of our Parents, we practise first upon them; and shew the Gratitude of our Dispositions, in an insolence that ought rather to be check'd and restrain'd, than encouraged.

Next, we are to be indulged in every thing at School and our Masters and Mistresses are rewarded with further grateful inflances of our boisterous Behaviour.

But, in our wife Parents Eyes, all looks well, all is forgiven and excus'd; and for no other Reason, but because we are Theirs.

Our next Progression is, we exercise our Spirits, when brought home, to the Torment and Regret of

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our Parents themselves, and torture their Hearts by our undutiful and perverse Behaviour to them? which, however ingrateful in us, is but the natural Consequence of their culpable indulgence to us, from infan-

cy upwards.

And then, next, after we have, perhaps, half broken thir Hearts, a Wife is look'd out for: Convenience, or Birth and Fortune, are the first Motives, Affection the last (if it be at all consulted): And two People thus educated, thus trained up in a Course of unnatural ingratitude, and who have been headstrong Torments to every one who has had a Share in their Education, as well as to those to whom they owe their Being, are brought together; and what can be expected, but that they should pursue, and carry on, the most heartily to plague one another? And, in some measure, indeed, this is right because hereby they revenge the Cause of all those who have been aggrieved and insulted by them, upon one another.

The Gentleman has never been controuled: The

Lady has never been contradicted.

He cannot bear it from one whose new Relation, he thinks, should oblige her to shew a quite contrary Conduct.

She thinks it very barbarous, now, for the first time, to be opposed by a Man, from whom she ex-

pected nothing but Tenderness.

So great is the Difference, between what they both except from one another, and what they both find in each other, that no wonder Misunderstandings happen; that these ripen to Quarrels; that Acts of Unkindness pass, which, even had the first Motive to their Union been Affection, as usually it is not, would have effaced all manner of tender impressions on both sides.

Appeals to Parents or Guardians often ensue: If, by Mediation of Friends, a Reconciliation takes place, it hardly ever holds; for why? The Fault is in the Minds of both, and neither of them will think so; so that the Wound (not permitted to be probed) is but skinn'd

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home Mens kinn'd over, and rankles still at the Bottom, and at last breaks out with more Pain and Anguish than before. Separate Beds are often the Consequence; perhaps Elopements; if not, an unconquerable indisference, possibly Aversion. And whenever, for Appearance sake, they are obliged to be together, every one sees, that the yawning Husband, and the vapourish Wise, are truly insupportable to one another; but, separate, have freer Spirits, and can be tolerable Company.

Now, my Dear, I would have you think, and, I hope, you will have no other Reason, that had I marry'd the first Lady in the Land, I would not have treated her better than I will my Pamela. For my Wise is my Wise; and I am the longer in resolving on the State, because I knew its Requisites, and doubted

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I believe I am more nice than many Gentlemen; but it is because I have been a close Observer of the Behaviour of wedded Folks, and hardly have ever seen it to be such as I could like in my own Case, I shall possibly, give you instances of a more patienlar Nature, of this, as we are longer, and perhaps, I might say, better acquainted.

Had I marry'd with the Views of most Gentlemen, and with such as my good Sister (supplying the Place of my Father and Mother) would have recommended, I had wedded a fine Lady, brought up pretty much in my own Manner, and used to have her Will in every

thing.

Some Gentlemen can come into a Compromise; and after a sew Struggles, sit down tolerably contented. But, had I marry'd a Princess, I could not have done so, I must have loved her exceedingly well, before I had consented to knit the Knot with her, and preferr'd her to all her Sex; for without this, Pamela, Indifferences, if not Disgusts, will arise in every wedded Life, that could not have made me happy at home; and there are sewer instances, I believe, of Mens loving better after Matrimony, than of Wo.

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Purpose to account for.

Then I must have been morally sure, that she preferr'd me to all Men; and, to convince me of this, she must have lessen'd, not aggravated, my Failings; she must have bore with my impersections; she must have watch'd and study'd my Temper; and if ever she had any Points to carry, any Desire of overcoming, it must have been by Sweetness and Complaisance; and yet not such a slavish one, as should make her Condescension seem to be rather the Effect of her insensibility, than Judgment or Assection.

She should not have given Cause for any Part of my Conduct to her, to wear the least Aspect of Compulsion or Force. The Word Command, on my Side, or Obedience, on hers, I would have blotted from my Vocabulary. For this Reason I should have thought it my Duty to have defired nothing of her, that was not significant, reasonable, or just; and that then she should, on hers, have shewn no Reluctance, Uneasiness, or Doubt, to oblige me, even at half a

Word.

I would not have excus'd her to let me twice injoin the same thing, while I took such care to make her Compliance with me reasonable, and such as should not destroy her own free Agency, in Points that ought to be allow'd her. And if I was not always right, that yet she would bear with me, if she saw me set upon it; and expostulate with me on the right side of Compliance; for that would shew me, (supposing small Points in Dispute, from which the greatest Quarrels, among Friends, generally arise) that she differ'd from me, not for Contradiction-sake but desir'd to convince me for my own; and that I should, another time, take better Resolutions.

This would be so obliging a Conduct, that I should in Justice, have doubled my Esteem for one, who, to humour me, could give up her own Judgment; and I should see she could have no other View in her Expostulations, after her Compliance had passed, than to rectify my Notions for the suture; and it would

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In all Companies she must have shewn, that she had, whether I deserved it altogether, or not, a high Regard and Opinion of me; and this the rather, as that such a Conduct in her, would be a Reputation and Security to herself; for if ever we Rakes attempt a marry'd Lady, our first Encouargement, exclusive of our own Vanity, arises from the indifferent Opinion, Slight, or Contempt she expresses for her Hustband.

That therefore she would draw a kind Veil over my Faults; that such as she could not hide, she would extenuate: That she would place my better Actions in an advantageous Light, and shew, that I had ber good Opinion, at least, whatever Liberties the World took with my Character.

She must have valued my Friends for my sake: been chearful and easy, whomsoever I had brought home with me; and whatever Faults she had observed in me, have never blamed me before Company; at least, with such an Air of Superiority as should have shewn she had a better Opinion of her own Judgment, than mine.

Now, my Pamela, this is but a faint Sketch of the Conduct I must have expected from my Wife. let her Quality have been what it would, or have lived with her own bad Terms. Judge then, if, to me, a Lady of the modish Taste could have been tolerable.

The Perverseness and Contradiction I have too often seen, in some of my Visits, even among People of Sense, as well as Condition, had prejudiced me to the marry'd State; and, as I knew I could not bear it, surely I was in the right to decline it; and you see my Dear, that I have not gone among this Class of People for a Wife; nor know I indeed, where, in any Class, I could have sought one, or had one, suitable to my Mind, if not you. For here is my L4 Missfortunes.

Misfortune; I could not have been contented to have

been but moderately happy in a Wife.

Judge you, from all this, if I could very well bear, that you should think yourself so well secur'd of my Affection, that you could take the Faults of o. thers upon your felf; and, by a supposed supererogatory Merit, think your interposition sufficient to attone for the Faults of others.

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Yet am I not perfect myself: No, I am greatly imperfect. Yet will I not allow, that my imperfections shall excuse those of my Wife, or make her think I ought to bear Faults in her, that she can rectifu.

because she bears greater from me.

Upon the Whole, I may expect, that you will bear with me, and fludy my Temper, till, and only till, you fee I am capable of returning Infult for Obligation: and till you think that I shall be of a gentler Deportment, if I am roughly used, than otherwise, One thing more Iwill add, That I should scorn myfelt, if there was one Privilege of your Sex, that a Princess might expect, as my Wife, to be indulg'd in, that I would not allow to my Pamela. For you. are the Wife of my Affections: I never wish'd for one before you, nor ever do I hope to have another !

I hope, Sir, faid I, my future Conduct --- Pardon me, said he, my Dear, for interrupting you; but it is to affure you, that I am fo well convinc'd of your affectionate Regards for me, that I know I might have spared the greatest Part of what I have faid: And indeed, it must be very bad for both of us, if I should have reason to think it necessary to say so much. But one thing has brought on another; and I have rather spoken what my Niceness has made me observe in other Families, than what I fear in my own. And therefore let me affure you, I am thoroughly fatisfy'd with your Conduct his therto. You shall have no Occasion to repent it. And you shall find, the' greatly impersect, and passonate, on particular Provocations, (which yet I will try to overcome) that you have not a brutal or ungenerous

generous Husband, who is capable of offering Insult for Condescension, or returning Evil for Good.

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I thank'd him for these kind Rules, and generous Assurances; and assured him, that they had made so much impression on my Mind, that these, and his most agreeable injunctions before given me, and such as he should hereaster be pleased to give me, should be so many Rules for my suture Conduct.

And I am glad of the Method I have taken of making a Journal of all that passes in these first Stages of my Happiness, because it will fink the impression still deeper; and I shall have recourse to them for my better Regulation, as often as I shall mistrust my Memory.

Let me see: What are the Rules I am to observe from this awful Lecture? Why, these:

- 1. That I must not, when he is in great Wrath with any body, break in upon him, without his Leave, Well, I'll remember it, I warrant. But yet I fancy this Rule is almost peculiar to himself.
- 2. That I must think his Displeasure the heaviest thing that can befal me. To be sure I shall.
- 3. And so that I must not wish to incur it, to save any body else. I'll be further if I do.
- 4. That I must never make a Compliment to any body at his Expence.
- Meannes! There is a great deal meant in this; and I'll endeavour to observe it all. To be sure, the Occasion on which he mentions this, explains it; that I must say nothing, tho' in Anger, that is spiteful or malicious; that is disrespectful or undutiful, and such-like.
- 6. That I must bear with him, even when I find him in the wrong. This is a little hard, as the Case may be!
 - I wonder whether poor Miss Sally Godfrey be living or dead!
- 7. That I must be as slexible as the Reed in the Fable, lest, by resisting the Tempest, like the Oak, I te L 5

torn up by the Roots. Well! I'll do the best I can!

— There is no great Likelihood, I hope, I should be
too perwerse; yet, sure, the Tempest will not lay me

quite level with the Ground neither.

8. That the Education of young People of Condition is generally wrong. Memorandum, That if any Part of Childrens Education fall to my Lot, I never indulge or humour them in things that they ought to be restrain'd in.

9. That I accustom them to bear Disappointments and

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their infancy.

11. Nor at School:

12. Nor spoil them when they come home.

13. For that Children generally extend their Perversenels from the Nurle to the Schoolmaster; from the Schoolmaster to the Parents.

14. And, in their next Step, as a proper Punishment

for all, make their own Selves unhappy.

Husbands and Wives: And, collaterally, bad Masters and Mistresses.

16. That not being subject to be controuled early, they

cannot, when marry'd, bear one another.

17. That the Fault lying deep, and in the Minds of

each, neither will mend it:

18. Whence follow Misunderstandings, Quarrels, Appeals, inessectual Reconciliations, Separations, Elopements—or, at best, indifference; perhaps, Aversion.—Memorandum. A good Image of unbappy Wedlock, in the Words YAWNING Husband and VAPOURISH WIFE, when together:

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Wives for Quietness-sake; but he can't .— Indeed.

I believe that's true! —— I don't desire be should.

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Womens loving better after Marriage.—But why fo? I wish he had given his Reasons for this! I fancy they would not have been to the Advantage of his own Sex.

23. That a Woman give her Husband Reason to think she prefers him before all Men. Well, to be sure

this should be fo.

24. That if she would overcome, it must be by Sweetness and Complaisance; that is, by yielding, he means, no doubt.

25. Yet not such a slavish one neither, as should rather seem the Effect of her Insensibility, than Judgment or Affection!

26. That the Words COMMAND and OBEY shall be blotted out of his Vocabulary. Very good!

27. That a Man should desire nothing of his Wise but what is significant, reasonable, just. To be sure

that is right

28. But then, that she must not shew Reluctance, Uneasiness, or Doubt, to oblige him; and that too at half a Word; and must not be bid twice to do one thing.—But may not there be some Occasions, where this may be a little dispensed with? But be says afterwards, indeed,

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30. That if the Husband be set upon a wrong Thing, she must not dispute with him, but do it, and expositulate afterwards. —Good-sirs! I don't know what to say to this! —It looks a little hard, methinks! —This would bear a smart Debate, I fancy, in a Parliament of Women. —But then he says,

31. Supposing they are only small Points that are in Dispute. Well, this mends it a little. For small

Points, I think, should not be flood upon.

32: That the greatest Quarrels among Friends, and Wives and Husbands are or should be Friends, arise from

from small Matters. — I believe this is very true; for I had like to have had Anger here, when I in.

tended very well.

33. That a Wife should not desire to convince her Husband for CONTRADICTION sake; but for His own. As both will find their Account in this, if one does; I believe; 'tis very just.

34. That in all Companies a Wife must shew Respect

and Love to her Husband.

35. And this for the fake of her own Reputation and

Security; for

36. That Rakes cannot have a greater Encouragement to attempt a marry'd Lady's Virtue, than her flight Opinion of her Hueband. To be fure, this stands to Reason, and is a fine Lesson.

37. I hat a Wife should therefore draw a kind Veil

over her Husband's Faults.

38. That such as she could not conceal, she should extenuate.

39. That his Virtues she should place in an advanta-

40. And shew the World, that he had HER good 0. pinion at least.

41. That she must value his Friends for his sake.

42. That she must be chearful and easy in her Behaviour, to whomsoever he brings home with him.

43. That whatever Faults she sees in him, she never

blame him before Company.

44. At least, with such an Air of Superiority, as if she had a less Opinion of his Judgment than her own.

45. That a Man of nice Observation cannot be contented to be only moderately happy in a Wife.

46. That a Wife take care how she ascribe supererogatory Merit to herself; so as to take the Faults of others upon her.—Indeed I think it is well if we can bear our own! This is of the same Nature with the Third. And touches upon me on the present Occasion, for this aubolesome Lecture.

47. That his imperfections must not be a Plea for bers. To be fure, it is no matter bow good the Wo-

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48. That a Husband who expects all this, is to be incapable of returning infult for Obligation, or Evil for Good; and ought not to abridge her of any Privilege of her Sex.

Well, my dear Parents, I think this last Rule crowns the rest, and makes them all very tolerable; and a generous Man, and a Man of Sense, cannot be too much obliged. And, as I have this Happineis, I shall be very unworthy, if I do not always fo think, and fo act.

Yet, after all, you'll fee I have not the eafiest Task in the World. But I know my own intentions, that I

shall not wilfully err; and so fear the less.

Not one Hint did he give, that I durft lay hold of, about poor Miss Sally Godfrey. I wish my Lady had not spoken of it. For it has given me a Curiosity that is not quite so pretty in me; especially so early in my Nuptials, and in a case so long ago past. Yet he intimated too, to his Sifter, that he had had other Faults, (of this Sort, I suppose) that had not come to her Knowledge!—But I make no Doubt, he has feen his Error, and will be very good for the future. I wish it, and pray it may be so, for his own doar fake!

WEDNESDAY, the Seventh.

WHEN I arose in the Morning, I went to wait on Lady Davers, feeing her Door open; and fhe was in Bed, but awake, and talking to her Woman. I faid, I hope I don't disturb your Ladyship: No. not at all, faid she; I am glad to see you. How do you? -Well, added she, when do you set out for Bedfordsbire? I said, I can't tell, Madam. It was defign'd as to day; but I have heard no more of it.

Sit down, said she, on the Bed-side —I find, by the Talk we had Yesterday and last Night, you have had but a poor Time of it, Pamela, (I must call you so yet faid the) fince you was brought to this House, till within these few Days. And Mrs. Jewkes too has given Beck such an Account, as makes me pity you.

Indeed,

Indeed, Madam, faid I, if your Ladyship knew all, you awould pity me: For never poor Creature was so hard put to it. But I ought to forget it all now, and be thankful.

Why, faid the, as far as I can find, 'tis a Mercy you are here now. I was fadly moved with fome part of your Story. And you have really made a noble Defence, and deferve the Praises of all our Sex.

It was God enabled me, Madam, replied I. Why, faid she, 'tis the more extraordinary, because, I believe, if the Truth was known, you lov'd the Wretch not a little. While my Trials lasted, Madam, said I I had not a Thought of any thing, but to preserve my

innocence; much less of Love.

But tell me truly, said she, Did you not love him all the time; I had always, Madam, answer'd I, a great Reverence for my Master, and thought all his good Actions doubly good; and for his naughty ones, tho' I abhorr'd his Attempts upon me, yet I could not hate him; and always wish'd him well; but I did not know that it was Love. Indeed, I had not the Presumption!

Sweet Girl! faid she; that's prettily said: But: when he found he could not gain his Ends, and begun to be forry for your Sufferings, and to admire your Virtue, and to profess honourable Love to you, What

did you think?

Think, and please your Ladyship! I did not know what to think! I could neither hope, nor believe so great an Honour would sall to my Lot; and I sear'd more from his Kindness for some time, than I had done from his Unkindness: And having had a private intimation, from a kind Friend, of a Sham-marriage intended, by means of a Man who was to personate a Minister, it kept my Mind in too much Suspence, to be greatly overjoy'd at his kind Declaration.

Said stie, I think he did make two or three Attempts upon you in Bedfordshire? Yes, Madam, said I, he

was very naughty, to be fure !

And here, he proposed Articles to you, I understand, Yes, Madam, reply'd I; but I abhorr'd so much the Thoughts

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Thoughts of being a kept Creature, that I rejected them with great Boldness; and was resolved to die before I would consent to them.

He afterwards attempted you, I think; Did he not? O, yes, Madam! faid I, a most sad Attempt he made; and I had like to have been lost; for Mrs. Jewkes was not so good as she should have been. And so I told her Ladyship that sad Offer, and how I fell into Fits; and that they, believing me dying, forbore. Any Attempts after this base one? said she.

He was not so good as he should have been, return'd I, once, in the Garden, afterwards; but I was so

watchful, and so ready to take the Alarm!

But, said she, did he not threaten you, at times, and put on his stern Airs, every now-and-then?—Threaten, Madam! reply'd I; yes, I had enough of that!——I thought I should have dy'd for Fear, several times. How could you bear that? said she: For he is a most daring and majestick Mortal! He has none of your puny Hearts, but as courageous as a Lion; and, Boy and Man, never sear'd any thing. I myself, said she, have a pretty good Spirit; but when I have made him truly angry, I have always been forced to make it up with him, as well as I could. For, Child, he is not one that is easily reconciled, I'll assure you.

But, after he had profes'd honourable Love to you, Did he never attempt you again? No, indeed, Madam, he did not. But he was a good while struggling with himself and with his Pride, as he called it, before he could stoop so low; and consider'd, and consider'd again: And once, upon my saying but two or three. Words, that displeas'd him, when he was very kind to me, he turn'd me out of Doors, in a manner, at an Hour's Warning; for he sent me above a Day's Journey towards my Father's; and then sent a Man and Horse, Post haste, to setch me back again; and has been exceedingly kind and gracious to me ever since,

and made me happy.

That fending you away, faid fire, one Hour, and fending after you the next, is exactly like my Brother; and tis well if he don't turn you off twice or thrice

before a Year come about, if you vex him: And he would have done the same by the first Lady in the Land, if he had been marry'd to her. Yet has he his Virtues, as well as his Faults; for he is generous, nay, he is noble in his Spirit; hates little dirty Actions; he delights in doing Good: But does not pass over a wilful Fault easily. He is wise, prudent, sober and magnanimous; and will not tell a Lye, nor disguise his Faults; but you must not expect to have him all to yourself, I doubt.

But I'll no more harp upon this String: You see how he was exasperated at me; and he seem'd to be angry at you too: tho' something of it was Art, I be-

lieve.

Indeed, Madam, faid I, he has been pleased to give me a most noble Lecture; and I find he was angry with me in Farnest, and that it will not be an easy Task to behave unexceptionably to him: For he is very nice and delicate in his Notions, I perceive; but yet, as your Ladyship says, exceeding generous.

Well, fays she, I'm glad thou hadst a little bit of his Anger, else I should have thought it Art; and I don't love to be treated with low Art, any more than he; and I should have been vex'd, if he had done it

by me.

But I understand, Child, fays she, that you keepa Journal of all Matters that pass, and he has several times found means to get at it: Should you care I should see it? It could not be to your Disadvantage; for I find it had no small Weight with him in your Favour; and I should take gre t Pleasure to read all his Stratagems, Attempts, Contrivances, Menaces, and Offers to you, on one hand; and all your pretty Counter-plottings, which he much praises, your reso-Iute Resistance and the noble Stand you have made to preserve your Virtue; and the Step by which his Pride was subdeed, and his Mind induced to honourable Love, till you were made what you now are: For it must be a rare, and uncommon Story; and will not only give me great Pleasure in reading, but will intirely reconcile me to the Step he has taken,

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taken. And that, let me tell you, is what I never thought to be; for I had gone a great Way in bringing about a Match with him and Lady Betty—; and had faid so much of it, that the Earl her Father, approved of it; and so did the Duke of—, her Uncle; and Lady Betty herself was not averse: And now shall I be hunted to Death about it; and this has made me so outrageous as you have seen me upon the Matter. But when I can find, by your Writings, that your Virtue is but suitably rewarded, it will be not only a good Excuse for me, but for him, and

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There is nothing that I would not do, said I, to oblige your Ladyship; but my poor Father and Mother (who would rather have seen me buried quick in the Earth, than to be seduced by the greatest of Princes) have them in their Hands at present; and your dear Brother has bespoken them, when they have done reading them; but if he gives me Leave, I will shew them to your Ladyship with all my Heart; not doubting your generous Allowances, as I have had his; tho' I have treated him very freely all the Way, while he had naughty Views; and that your Ladyship would consider them as the naked Sentiments of my Heart, from time to time, deliver'd to those, whose Indulgence I was sure of; and for whose Sight, only, they were written.

Give me a Kiss now, said her Ladyship, for your chearful Compliance; for I make no doubt my Brothere will consent I shall see them, because they must need make for your Honour; and I see he loves you

better than any one in the World.

I have heard, continued her Ladyship, a mighty good Character of your Parents, as industrious, honest, sensible, good Folks, who know the World; and, as I doubt not my Brother's Generosity, I am glad they will make no ill Figure in the World's Eye.

Madam, said I, they are the honestest, the lovingest, and the most conscientious Couple breathing. They once lived creditably; brought up a great Family, of which I am the youngest; but had Missor-

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tunes, thro' their doing beyond their Power for two unhappy Brothers, who are both dead, and whose Debts they flood bound for, and so became reduced, and, by harsh Creditors, (where most of the Deba were not of their own contracting) turn'd out of all; and having, without Success, try'd to set up a little Country School, (for my Father understood a little of Accompts, and wrote a pretty good Hand) forced to take to hard Labour; but honest all the Time; contented; never repining; and loving to one another; and, in the midst of their Poverty and Dilappointments, above all Temptation; and all their Feat was, that I should be wicked, and yield to Temptation, for the fake of worldly Riches: And to God's Grace, and their good Lessons, and those I imbib'd from my dear good Lady, your Ladyship's Mother, it is that I owe the Preservation of my Innocence, and the happy Station I am now exalted to.

She was pleased to kis me again, and said, There is such a noble Simplicity in thy Story, such an honest Artlesness in thy Mind, and such a sweet Humility in thy Deportment, notwithstanding thy present Station, that I believe I shall be forced to love thee, whether I will or not: And the Sight of your Papers, I date say, will crown the Work, will disarm my Pride, banish my Resentments on Lady Betty's Account, and justify my Brother's Conduct; and, at the same time, redound to your own everlasting Honour, as well as to the Credit of our Sex: And so I make no doubt but

my Brother will let me see them.

Mrs. Worden, said my Lady, I can say any thing before you; and you will take no Notice of our Conversation; but I see you are much touched with it: Did you ever hear any thing prettier, more unaffected, sincere, free, easy?—No, never, Madam, answer'd she, in my Life; and it is a great Pleasure, to see so happy a Reconciliation taking Place, where there is so much Merit.

I said, I have discover'd so much Prudence in Mrs. Worden, that, as well for that, as for the Considence your Ladyship places in her, I have made no Scruple

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of speaking my Mind freely before her; and of blaming my dear Master, while he was blame-worthy, as well as acknowledging his transcendent Goodness to me fince; which, I am sure, exceeds all I can ever deserve. May be not, said my Lady. I hope you'll be very happy in one another; and I'll now rise, and tell him my Thoughts, and ask him to let me have the reading of your Papers; for I promise myself much Pleasure in them; and shall not grudge a Journey, and a Visit to you, to the other House, to setch them.

Your Ladyship's Favour, said I, was all I had to wish for; and if I have that, and the Continuance of your dear Brother's Goodness to me, I shall be easy

under whatever else may happen.

And so I took my Leave, and withdrew; and she let me hear her say to Mrs. Worden, 'Tis a charming Creature, Mrs. Worden! — I know not which excels, her Person or her Mind! — And so young a Creature too! —Well may my Brother love her!

I am afraid, my dear Father and Mother, I shall now be too proud indeed.——I had once a good mind to have asked her Ladyship about Miss Salley Godfrey; but I thought it was better let alone, as she did not mention it herself. May-be, I shall hear it too soon. But I hope not !—I wonder, tho', whether

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We breakfasted together with great good Temper; and my Lady was very kind, and asking my good Master, he gave leave, very readily, she should see all my Papers, when you return'd them to me; and he said, he was sure, when she came to read them, she would say, that I had well deserved the Fortune I had met with, and would be of Opinion, that all the Kindness of his suture Life would hardly be a sufficient Reward for my Virtue, and make me Amends for my Sufferings.

My Lady refolving to set out the next Morning, to return to her Lord, my Master order'd every Thing to be made ready for his doing the like, to Bedford-

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shire; and this Evening our good Neighbours will sup with us, to take Leave of my Lady and us.

WEDNSDAY Night.

Othing particular having passed at Dinner and Supper, but the most condescending Goodness, on my Lady's fide to me; and the highest Civilities from Mr. Peter's Family, from lady Jones, from Sir Simon's Family; &c. and reciprocal good Wishes all around; and a Promise obtain'd from my Penefactor, that he would endeavour to pass a Fortnight or three Weeks in these Parts, before the Winter let in; I shall conclude this Day with observing, that I disposed of the Money my Master was so good to put into my Hands, in the Method he was pleased to direct; and I gave Mrs. Jewkes hers, in such a manner, as highly pleased her; and she wished me, with Tears, all kind of Happiness; and pray'd me to forgive her all her past Wickedness to me, as she herself called it. I begg'd Leave of my Master to present Mrs. Worden with five Guineas, for a Pair of Gloves; which he faid was well thought of.

SATURDAY.

ON Thursday Morning my Lady set out for her own Seat; and my good Sir and I, attended by Mr. Colbrand, Abraham and Thomas, for this dear House. Her Ladyship parted with her Brother and me with great Tenderness, and made me promise to send her my Papers; which I find she intends to entertain Lady Betty with, and another Lady or two, her Intimates; as also her Lord; and hopes to sind, as I believe, in the reading of them, some Excuse for her Brother's Choice.

My dearest Master has been all Love and Tenderness on the Road, as he is in every Place, and on every Occasion. And Oh! What a delightful Change was this Journey, to that which, so contrary to all my Wishes, and so much to my Apprehensions, carry'd

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Doo Her Wait ry'd me hence to Lincolnshire House! And how did I bless God at every Turn, and at every Stage!

We did not arrive here till Yesterday Noon. braham rode before, to let them know we were coming. And I had the Satisfaction to find every body there I wished to see. When the Chariot enter'd the Court-yard, I was so strongly impress'd with the Fayour and Mercies of God Almighty, on remembering how I was ient away the last Time I saw this House; the Leave I took; the Dangers I had encounter'd; a poor cast off Servant Girl, and now returning a joyful Wife, and the Mistress, thro' his Favour, of the noble House I was turn'd out of; that I was hardly able to support the Joy I felt in my Mind on the Occasion. He saw how much I was moved, and tenderly ask'd me, why I seem'd so affected? I told him, and lifted his dear Hand to my Lips, and faid, O, Sir! God's Mercies, and your Goodnels to me, on entering this dear, dear Place, are above my Expression! I can hardly bear the Thoughts of them! He faid, Welcome, thrice Welcome, Joy of my Life! to your own House: And kissed my Hand in Return. All the common Servants stood at the Windows, as unfeen as they could, to observe us. He took my Hand, with the most condescending Goodness in the World, and, with great Complaisance, led me into the Parlour, and kissed me with the greatest Ardour. Welcome again, my dearest Spouse, said he, a thousand Times welcome, to the Possession of a House that is not more mine than yours.

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I threw myself at his Feet: Permit me, dear Sir, thus to bless God, and thank you, for all bis Mercies, and your Goodness. O may I so behave, as not to be utterly unaworthy; and then how happy shall I be! God give me, my dearest, said he, Life and Health to reward all your Sweetness: And no Man can be then so bless as I!

Where (said he to Abraham, who passed by the Door, Where) is Mrs. Ferwis?——She bolted in! Here, good Sir, said she, here good Madam, am I, waiting impatiently, till called for, to congratulate

you both ! - I ran to her, and clasp'd my Arms about her Neck, and kissed her: O my dear Mrs. Jerwis! faid I, my other dear Mother! receive your happy, happy Pamela: And join with me to bless God, and bless our Master, for all these great Things !- I was ready to fink into her Arms thro' Excess of Joy, to fee the dear good Woman, who had been fo often a mournful Witness of my Distress, as now of my Triumph !- Dearest Madam, said she, you do me too much Honour. Let my whole Life shew the Joy I take in your deserv'd good Fortune, and in my Duty to you, for the early Instance I received of your goodness in your kind Letter. O, Mrs. Fervis. reply'd I, There all Thanks are due, both from you and me: For our dear Master granted me this Blesfing, as I may justly call it, the very first Moment I begg'd it of him. Your Goodness, Sir, said she, I will for ever acknowledge; and I beg Pardon for the wrong Step I made, in applying to Lady Davers. —He was so good as to salute her, and said, All's over now, Mrs. Jervis; and I shall not remember you ever disoblig'd me. I always respected you, and shall now, more and more, value you for the fake of that dear good Creature, that with Joy unfeign'd, I can call my Wife. God bless your Honour, for ever ! faid she; and many, many happy Years may ye live together, the Envy and Wonder of all who know you!

But where, faid my dear Master, is honest Longman? And where is Jonathan ?- Come, Mrs. Jer. vis, said I, you shall shew me them, and all the good Folks prefently; and let me go up with you to be hold the dear Apartments, which I have feen before with fuch different Emotions to what I shall now do.

We went up; and in every Room, the Chamber I took Refuge in, when my Master pursu'd me, my Lady's Chamber, her Dreffing-room, Mrs. Jervis's Room, not forgetting her Closet, my own little Bedchamber, the Green-room, and in each of the others, I kneeled down feverally, and bleffed God for my past Escapes, and present Happiness, and the good Wo-

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man was quite affected with the Zeal and Pleasure with which I made my thankful Acknowledgments to the Divine Goodness. O my excellent Lady! said she, you are still the same good, pious, humble Soul I knew you; and your Marriage has added to your

Graces, as I hope it will to your Bleffings.

Dear Mrs. Fervis, faid I, you know not what I have gone thro'! You know not what God has done for me! You know not what a happy Creature I am now! I have a thousand, thousand Things to tell you; and a whole Week would be too little, every Moment of it spent in relating to you what has befallen me, to make you acquainted with it all. We shall be sweetly happy together, I make no doubt. But I charge you my dear Mrs. Jorvis, whatever you call me before Strangers, that when we are by ourselves, you call me nothing but your Pamela, For what an ingrateful Creature should I be, who have receiv'd so many Mercies at the Hand of God, if I attributed them not to his Divine Goodness, but assumed to myself insolent Airs upon them! No, I hope, I shall be more and more thankful, as I am more and more bleft : and more humble, as God, the Author of all my Happiness, shall more distinguish me.

We went down again to the Parlour, to my dear Master. Said he, call in again Mr. Longman; he longs to see you, my dear. He came in: God bless you, my sweet Lady, said he; as now, God be praised, I may call you. Did I not tell you, Madam, that Providence would find you out? O, Mr. Longman, said I, God be praised for all his Mercies!—I am rejoiced to see you; and I laid my Hand on his, and said, good Mr. Longman, how do you do!—I must always value you; and you don't know how much of my present Happiness I owe to the Sheets of Paper, and Pens and Ink you surnish'd me with. I hope, my dear Sir and you are quite reconciled.—O Madam, said he, how good you are!—Why, I cannot contain myself for

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Said my Master, Yes, I have been telling Mr. Longman, that I am obliged to him for his ready Return

Return to me; and that I will intirely forget his An. peal to Lady Davers; and I hope he'll find himself quite as easy and happy as he wishes. - My Partner here, Mr. Longman, I dare promise you, will do all she can to make you so. God bless you both together! 'Tis the Pride of my Heart to see this__ I return'd with double Delight, when I heard the blessed News; and I am sure, Sir, said he, mark old Longman's Words, God will bless you for this every Year more and more !- You don't know how many Hearts you have made happy by this generous Deed! -I am glad of it, faid my dear Master; I am sure I have made my own happy: And Mr. Longman, tho' I must think you SomeBody, yet, as you are not a young Man, and so won't make me jealous, I can allow you to wish my dear Wife Joy in the tenderest manner. Adad, Sir, faid he, I am sure you rejoice me with your Favour: 'Twas what I long'd for, but durft not presume. My Dear, said my Master; receive the Compliment of one of the honestest Hearts in England, that always rever'd your Virtues !- And the good Man faluted me with great Respect; and said, God in Heaven bless you both, and kneeled on one Knee. I must quit your presence! Indeed I must! ----- Andaway he went.

Your Goodness, Sir, said I, knows no Bounds! 0 may my Gratitude never find any!——I saw, said my Master, when the good Man approach'd you, that he did it with so much Awe and Love mingled together, that I sancied he long'd to salute my Angel; and I could not but indulge his honest Heart. How bless'd am I, said I, and kiss'd his Hand.—And indeed I make nothing now of kissing his dear Hand, so

if it was my own!

When honest old Mr. Jonathan came in to attend at Dinner, so clean, so sleek, and so neat, as he always is, with his filver Hair, I said, Well, Mr. Jonathan, how do you? I am glad to see you?—You look as well as ever, thank God! O dear, Madam! said he, better than ever, to have such a blessed Sight!—God bless you and my good Master!—and I hope, Sir, said

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he, you'll excuse all my past Failings. Ay, that I will Jonathan, said he; because you never had any, but what your Regard for my dear Spouse here was the Occasion of. And now I can tell you, you can never err, because you cannot respect her too much. O Sir, said he, your Honour is exceeding good. I'm

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After Dinner Mr. Longman coming in, and talking of some Affairs under his Care, he said afterwards, all your Honour's Servants are now happy; for Robert, who left you, had a pretty little Fortune sallen to him, or he never would have quitted your Service. He was here but Yesterday, to enquire when you and my Lady return'd hither; and hop'd he might have Leave to pay his Duty to you both. Ay, said my Master, I shall be glad to see honest Robin; for that's another of your Favourites, Pamela:——It was high Time, I think, I should marry you, were it but to engage the Respects of all my Family to myself. There are, Sir, said I, ten thousand Reasons why I should rejoice in your Goodness.

But I was going to fay, faid Mr. Longman, That all your Honour's old Servants are now happy, but one. You mean John Arnold? faid my Master. I do indeed, said he, if you'll excuse me, Sir. O said I, I have had my Prayer for poor John answer'd, as favourable as I could wish.—Why, faid Mr. Longman, to be sure poor John has acted no very good Part, take it all together; but he so much honour'd you. Sir, and so much respected you, Madam, that he would have been glad to have been obedient to both; and so was faithful to neither. But indeed the poor Fellow's Heart's almost broke, and he won't look out for any other Place; and fays he must live in your Honour's Service, or he must die wretched very shortly. Mrs. Jervis was there when this was faid; indeed, fays she, the poor Man has been here every Day fince he heard the Tidings that have rejoiced us all; and he fays, he hopes he shall yet be forgiven. Is he in the House now? said my Master. He is, Sir; and was here when your Honour came in, and Vol. II. M play'd play'd at hide-and-seek to have one Look at you both when you alighted; and was ready to go out of his Wits for Joy when he saw your Honour hand my Lady in. Pamela, said my dear Master, you're to do with John as you please. You have full Power. Then

pray Sir, said I, let poor John come in.

The poor Fellow came in, with so much Confusion, that I have never feen a Countenance that ex. press'd so lively a Consciousness of his Faults, and mingled Joy and Shame. How do you do, John! faid I; I hope you're very well !- The poor Fellow could hardly speak, and look'd with Awe upon my Master, and Pleasure upon me. Said my Master, Well John, there is no room to fay any Thing to a Man that has fo much Concern already: I am told you will ferve me whether I will or not; but I turn you over altogether to my Spouse here. And she is to do by you as she pleases. You see, John, said I, your good Master's Indulgence. Well may I forgive, that have fo generous an Example. I was always perfunded of your honest Intentions, if you had known how to distinguish between your Duty to your Master, and your good-will to me: You will now have no more Puzzle on that Account, from the Goodness of your dear Master. I shall be but too happy said the poor Man. God bless your Honour! God bless you, Madam! I now have the Joy of my Soul, in ferving you both; and I will make the best of Servants, to my Power. Well then John, said I, your Wages will go on, as if you had not left your Master: May I not fay fo, Sir ? faid I. Yes, furely, my Dear, reply'd he, and augment them too, if you find his Duty to you deserves it. A thousand Million of Thanks faid the poor Man: I am very well fatisfy'd, and defire no Augmentation; and so he withdrew overjoy'd; and Mrs. Jervis and Mr. Longman were highly pleas'd; for tho' they were incens'd against him for his Fault to me, when Matters look'd badly for me, yet they, and all his Fellow-servants, always lov'd Jubr. When

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Said he, I think that little Kentish Purchase wants a Manager; and as it is a little out of your Way, Mr. Longman, I have been Purposing, if I thought Mr. Andrews would accept of it, that he should enter upon Hodge's Farm, that was, and so manage for me that whole little Affair; and we will well stock the Farm for him, and make it comfortable; and I think, if he will take that Trouble upon him, it will be an

Ease to you, and a Favour to me.

Your Honour, said he, cannot do a better Thing; and I have had some Inkling given me, that you might, if you pleased, augment that Estate, by a Purchase, of equal Amount, contiguous to it; and as you have so much Money to spare, I can't see your Honour can do better. Well, said he, let me have the Particulars another Time, and we will consider about it. But my Dear, added he, you'll mention this to your Fa-

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I have too much Money, Mr. Longman continu'd he, lies useless; tho' upon this Occasion, I shall not grudge laying out as much in Liveries, and other Things, as if I had marry'd a Lady of Fortune equal, if possible, to my Pamela's Merit; and I reckon you have a good deal in Hand. Yes, Sir, said he, more than I wish I had. But I have a Mortgage in View, if you don't buy that Kentish thing, that I believe will answer very well; and when Matters are riper, will mention it to your Honour.

I took with me to Lincolnshire, said my Master, upwards of six hundred Guineas, and thought to have laid most of them out there (Thank God, thought I, you did not! for he offered me sive hundred of them, you know!) But I have not laid out above two hundred and sifty of them; so two hundred I lest there in my Escritore; because I shall go again

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for a Fortnight or so, before Winter; and two hundred I have brought with me. And I have Money, I know not what, in three Places here; the Account of which is in my Pocket book, in my Library.

You have made some little Presents, Pamela, to my Servants there, on our Nuptials; and these two hundred that I have brought up, I will put into your Disposal, that, with some of them, you shall do here

as you did there.

I am asham'd, good Sir, said I, to be so costly and so worthles! Pray, my Dear, said he, say not a

Word of that.

Said Mr. Longman, Why, Madam, with Money in Stocks, and one thing or another, his Honour could buy half the Gentlemen round him. He wants not Money, and lays up every Year. And it would have been pity. but his Honour should have wedded just as he has. Very true Mr. Longman, said my Mafler; and pulling out his Purse, said, tell out, my Dear, two hundred Guineas, and give me the rest .- I did So. Now, faid he, take them yourfelf, for the Purposes I mentioned. But, Mr. Longman do you, before Sun-fet, bring my dear Girl fifty Pounds, which is due to her this Day, by my Promise; and every three Months from this Day, pay her fifty Pounds more; which will be two hundred Pounds per Annum; and this is for her to lay out at her own Discretion, and without Account, in such a Way as shall derive a Bleffing upon us all: For the was my Mother's Almoner, and shall be mine, and her own too. - I'll go for it this Instant, said Mr. Longman.

When he was gone, I looked upon my dear generous Master, and on Mrs. Jervis; and he gave me a Nod of Assent; and I took twenty Guineas, and said, dear Mrs. Jervis, accept of this; which is no more than my generous Master order'd me to present to Mrs. Jewkes for a Pair of Gloves, on my happy Nuprials, and so you, who are so much better intitled to them, by the Love I bear you, must not result

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Said she, Mrs. Jewkes was on the Spot, Madam, at the happy Time. Yes, said my Master, but Pamela would have rejoiced to have had you there instead of her. That I should, Sir, replied I, or instead of any body except my own Mother. She gratefully accepted them, and thank'd us both: But I don't know what she should thank me for; for I was not worth a fourth Part of them myself.

I'd have you, my Dear, said he, in some handsome Manner, as you know how, oblige Longman to ac-

cept of the like Present.

Mr. Longman return'd from his Office, and brought me the fifty Pounds, saying, I have enter'd this new Article with great Pleasure. To my Lady—fifty Pounds, to be paid the same Sum quarterly. O Sir, said I, what will become of me to be so poor in myself, and so rich in your Bounty.—It is a Shame to take all that your profuse Goodness would heap upon me thus: But indeed it shall not be without Account.—Make no Words, my Dear, said he. Are you not my Wife? And have I not endowed you with my Goods? And, hitherto, this is a very small Part.

Mr. Longman, said I, and Mrs. Jerwis, you both see how I am even oppress'd with unreturnable Obligations. God bless the Donor, and God bless the Receiver! said Mr. Longman; I am sure they will bring back good Inverest; for, Madam, you had ever a bountiful Heart: and I have seen the Pleasure you used to take to dispense my late Lady's Alms and

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I'll warrant, Mr. Longman, said I, notwithstanding you are so willing to have me take large Sums for nothing at all, I should affront you, if I asked you to accept from me a Pair of Gloves only, on Account of my happy Nuptials. He seem'd not readily to know how to answer, and my Master said, if Mr. Longman resuse you, my Dear, he may be said to resuse your first Favour. On that I put twenty Guineas in his Hand; but insisted upon it, that he would take but sive. I said, I must desire you to oblige me, Mr. Longman, or I shall think I have

affronted you. Well, if I must said he, I know what I know. What is that Mr. Longman, said I?—Why, Madam, said he, I will not lay it out till my young Master's Birth Day, which I hope will be within this Twelve-month.

Not expecting any Thing like this from the old Gentleman, I look'd at my Master, and then blush'd fo, I could not hold up my Head. Charmingly faid Mr. Longman, said my Master, and clasping me in his Arms; O my dear Life; God fend it may be fo.— You have quite delighted me, Mr. Longman! Tho' I durst not have faid such a Thing for a World. Madam, faid the old Gentleman, I beg your Pardon; I hope no Offence. But I'd speak it ten times in a Breath to have it so, take it how you please, as long as my good Master takes it so well. Mrs. Jervis, faid my Master, this is an over-nice dear Creature; you don't know what a Life I have had with her, even on this Side Matrimony. - Said Mrs. Jervis, I think Mr. Longman fays very well; I am fure I shall hope for it too.

Mr. Longman who had struck me of a Heap, withdrawing soon after, my Master said, Why my Dear, you can't look up! The old Man said nothing shocking. I did not expect it, tho' from him, said I. I was not aware but of some innocent Pleasantry. Why, so it was, said he, both innocent and pleasant. And I won't forgive you, if you don't say as he says. Come, speak before Mrs. Jerwis. May every Thing happen, Sir, said I, that will give you Delight!—That's my dear Love, said he, and kiss'd me with

great Tenderness.

When the Servants had dined, I defired to fee the Maidens, and all four came up together. You are welcome home, Madam, faid Rackel; We rejoice all to fee you here, and more to fee you our Lady. O my good old Acquaintances, faid I, you fee how good God, and the best of Gentlemen have been to me! O I Joy to fee you! How do you do Rackel? How do you do Jane? How do you do Hannab? How do you do, Cicely? And I took each of them by the Hand,

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him both Hair and could have kissed them,—For, said I to myself, I kissed you all the last time I saw you, in sorrow; why should I not kiss you all now with Joy? But I forbore in Honour of their dear Master's Presence.

They feem'd quite transported with me; and my good Master was pleas'd with the Scene. See here, my Lasses said he, your Mistres! I need not bid you respect her; for you always lov'd her; and she'll have it as much in her Power as Inclination to be kind to the deserving. Indeed, said I, I shall always be a kind Friend to you; and your dear good Master has order'd me to give each of you this, that you may rejoice with me, on my Happiness. And so I gave them sive Guineas a-piece; and said, God bless you every one. I am overjoy'd to see you!—And they withdrew with the greatest Gratitude and Pleasure, praying for us both.

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I turn'd to my dear Master, 'Tis to you dear Sir, said I, next to God, who put it into your generous Heart, that all my Happiness is owing! That my Mind thus overslows with Joy and Gratitude! And I would have kissed his Hand; but he classed me in his Arms, and said, you deserve it, my Dear! You deserve it all. Mrs. Jerwis came in; said she, I have seen a very affecting Sight; you have made your Maidens quite happy, Madam, with your Kindness and Condescension! I saw them all sour, as I came by the Hall Door, just got up from their Knees, praising and praying for you both! Dear good Bodies, said I; and did Jane pray too? God return their Prayers upon themselves, I say.

My Master sent for Jonathan, and I held up all the Fingers of my two Hands; and my Master giving a Nod of Approbation as he came in, I said, Well, Mr. Jonathan, I could not be satisfy'd without seeing you in Form, as it were, and thanking you for all your past Good-will to me. You'll accept of that for a Pair of Gloves, on this happy Occasion; and I gave him ten Guineas, and took his honest Hand between both mine, God bless you, said I, with your Silver Hairs, so like my dear Father!—I shall always value

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fuch a good old Servant of the best of Masters!—He said, O such Goodness! Such kind Words!—It is Balm to my Heart!—Blessed be God I have lived to this Day!—And his Eyes swam in Tears, and he withdrew.—My Dear, said my Master, you make every one happy!—O Sir, said I, 'tis you, 'tis you; and let my grateful Heart always spring to my Lips, to ac-

knowledge the Bleffings you heap upon me.

Then in came Harry, and Isaac, and Benjamin, and the two Grooms of this House, and Arthur the Gardener, for my dear Master had order'd them by Mrs. Jervis thus to be marshall'd out; and he said. Where's John? Poor John was asham'd, and did not come in till he heard himself call'd for. I said to them, How do you do, Henry? How do you do, Isaac? How do you do, Benjamin? How do you do, Arthur? And you, and you, Richard and Roger? God bless you every one. My Master said, I have given you a Mistress my Lads, that is the Joy of my Heart. You fee her Goodness and Condescension. Let your Respects to her be but answerable, and she'll be proportionably as great a Bleffing to you all as she is to me. Harry faid, in the Names of all your Servants, Sir, I bless your Honour and your good Lady: And it shall be all our Studies to deserve her Ladyship's Favour, as well as your Honours. And fo I gave every one five Guineas, to rejoice, as I said, in my Happiness.

When I came to John, I said, I saw you before, John; but I again tell you, I am glad to see you. He said, he was quite asham'd and consounded. O, said I, forget every thing that's past, John!—Your dear good Master will, and so will I. For God has wonderfully brought about all these things, by the very means I once thought most grievous. Let us therefore look forward, and be only asham'd to commit Faults for the Time to come. For they may not always be attended

with like happy Consequences.

Arthur, said my Master, I have brought you a Mistress that is a great Gardener. She'll shew you a new way to plant Beans. And never any body had such a Hand at improving a Sun-slower, as she!

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O Sir, Sir, faid I; but yet a little dash'd: all my Improvements in every kind of thing are owing to you I am sure?——And so I think I was even with the dear Man, and yet appear'd grateful before his Servants. They withdrew, blessing us both, as the rest had done.

And then came in the Possilion, and two Helpers, (for my Master has both here, and at Lincolnshire, fine Hunting-horses, and it is the chief Sport he takes Delight in) as also the Scullion-boy; And I said, How do you, all of you? And how dost do, Tommy? I hope you're very good. Here, your dear Master has order'd you something, a piece, in Honour of me. And my Master holding three Fingers to me, I gave the Possilion and Helpers three Guineas each, and the little Boy two; and bid him let his poor Mother lay it out for him, for he must not spend it idly. Mr. Colbrand, Abraham and Thomas, I had before presented at t'other House.

And when they were all gone, but Mrs. Terwis, I faid, And now, dearest Sir, permit me on my Knees, thus, to bless you, and pray for you. And Oh, may God crown you with length of Days, and Increase of Honour; and may your happy, happy Pamela, by her grateful Heart, appear always worthy in your dear Eyes, tho' she cannot be so in her own, nor in those of any others!

Mrs. Jerwis, faid my Master, you see the Excellency of this sweet Creature! And when I tell you, that the Charms of her Person, all lovely as she is, bind me not so strongly to her as the Graces of her Mind, congratulate me, that my Happiness is built on so stable a Basis!——Indeed I do, most sincerely, Sir, said she!—This is a happy Day to me.

I stept into the Library, while he was thus pouring out his Kindness for me to Mrs. Jervis; and bles'd God there on my Knees, for the Difference I now found to what I had once known in it.—And when I have done the same in the first Scene of my Fears, the once srightful Summer-house, I shall have gone thromost of my distressful Scenes with Gratitude; but M 5

shall never forbear thanking God in my Mind, for his Goodness to me in every one. Mrs. Jervis, I find, had whifper'd him what I had done above, and he faw me on my Knees, with my Back towards him, unknown to me; but foftly put to the Door again, as he had open'd it a little Way. And I faid, not knowing he had feen me, You have fome charming Pictures here, Sir: Yes, faid he, my dear Life, fo I have; but none equal to that, which your Piety affords me!—And may the God you delight to ferve bless more and more my dear Angel. Sir, faid I, you are all Goodness!—I hope, reply'd he, after your sweet Example, I shall be better and better! -Do you think, my dear Father and Mother, there ever was so happy a Creature as I! To befure it would be very ingrateful to think with Uneafiness or any thing but Compassion, of poor Miss Saily Godfrey.

He order'd Jonathan to let the Evening be pas'd merrily, but wisely, as he said, with what every one

liked, whether Wine or October.

He was pleased afterwards to lead me up Stairs, and gave me Possession of my Lady's Dressing-room and Cabinet, and her fine repeating Watch and Equipage: and in short of a complete Set of Diamonds, that were his good Mother's; as also of the two Pair of Diamond Ear-Rings, and two Diamond Rings, and Diamond Necklace he mentioned in his naughty Articles, which her Ladyship had intended for Presents to Mils Tomlins, a rich Heiress that was proposed for his Wife, when he was just come from his Travels; but which went off, after all was agreed upon on both the Friends Sides, because he approved not her Conversation on: and she had, as he told his Mother, too masculine an Air, and he never could be brought to fee her but once, tho' the Lady lik'd him very well. He prefented me also with her Ladyship's Books, Pictures, Linen, Laces, &c. that were in her Apartments, and bid me call those Apartments mine. O give me, my good God, Humility and Gratitude!

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SUNDAY Night.

THIS Day as Matters could not be ready for our Appearance at a better Place, we staid at home; and my dear Master imploy'd himself a good deal in his Library. And I have been taken up pretty much, I hope, as I ought to be, in Thankfulness, Prayer, and Meditation in my newly presented Closet: And I hope God will be pleased to give a Blessing to me; for I have the Pleasure to think I am not pussed up with this great Alteration, and yet am not wanting to look upon all these Favours and Blessings in the Light wherein I ought to receive them, both at the Hands of God, and my dear Benefactor.

We din'd together with great Pleasure, and I had in every Word and Action, all the Instances of Kindness and Affection that the most indulg'd Heart could wish. He said he would turn to his Closet again; and at Five o'Clock would come and take a walk with me in the Garden, and so retired as soon as he had din'd;

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About fix he was pleas'd to come up to me, and faid, Now, my Dear, I will attend you for a little Walk in the Garden; and I gave him my Hand with great Pleasure. This Garden is much better cultivated than the Lincolnsbire one; but that is larger: and has nobler Walks in it; and yet here is a pretty Canal in this, and a Fountain, and Cascade. We had a deal of sweet Conversation as we walk'd; and, after we had taken a Turn round, I bent toward the little Garden, and when I came near the Summerhouse, took the Opportunity to slip from him, and just whipt up the Steps of this once frightful Place, and kneeling down, faid, I blefs thee, O God, for my Escapes, and for thy Mercies! O let me always posses a grateful and humble Heart! And I whipt down again, and join'd him; and he hardly missed me.

Several of the neighbouring Gentry fent their Compliments to him on his Return, but not a Word about his Marriage, particularly 'Squire Arthur, 'Squire Towers, Towers, 'Squire Brooks, and 'Squire Martin of the Grove.

MONDAY.

Had a good deal of Employment in chufing Patterns for my new Cloaths. He thought nothing too good; but I thought every thing I faw was; and he was so kind, to pick out Six of the richest, for me to chuse three Suits out of, saying, we would furnish ourselves with more in Town, when we went thither. One was a white flower'd with Gold most richly; and he was pleased to say, that as I was a Bride, I should make my Appearance in that the following Sunday. And so we shall have in two or three Days, from several Places, nothing but Mantua-makers and Taylors at Work. Bless me! what a chargeable, and what a worthless Hussy I am, to the dear Gentleman!—But his Fortune and Station require a great deal of it; and his Value for me, will not let him do less than if he had marry'd a Fortune equal to his own; and then, as he fays, it would be a Reflection upon him if he did. And fo I doubt it will be as it is: For either way, the World will have fomething to fay. He made me also chuse some very fine Laces, and Linen; and has fent a Message on purpose, with his Orders, to hasten all'down; what can be done in Town, as the Millenary Matters, &c. to be completed there, and sent by particular Messengers, as done. All to be here, and finished by Saturday Afternoon without fail.

I fent away John this Morning, with some more of my Papers to you, and with a few he will give you, separate. My Desire is, that you will send me all the Papers you have done with, that I may keep my Word with Lady Davers; to beg the Continuance of your Prayers and Blessings; to hope you will give me your Answer about my dear Benefactor's Proposal of the Kentish Farm; to beg you to buy two Suits of Cloaths, each, of the sinest Cloth for you, my dear Father, and of a creditable Silk for my dear Mother; and good Linen, and every thing answerable; and that

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that you will, as my dearest Sir bid me say, let us see you here, as soon as possible, and he will have his Chariot come for you, when you tell John the Day. Oh! how I long to see you both, my dear good Parents, and

to share with you my Felicities!

You will have, I am fure, the Goodness to go to all your Creditors, which are chiefly those of my poor unhappy Brothers, and get an Account of all you are bound for; and every one shall be paid to the utmost Farthing, and Interest besides, tho' some of them have been very cruel and unrelenting——But they are all intitled to their own, and shall be thankfully paid.

Now I think of it, John shall take my Papers down to this Place; that you may have something to amuse you of your dear Child's, instead of those you part with; and I will continue writing till I am settled, and you are determin'd; and then I will apply my-felf to the Duties of the Family, in order to become as useful to my dear Benefactor, as my small Abilities

will let me.

If you think a Couple of Guineas will be of Use to Mrs. Mumford, who I doubt has not much aforehand, pray give them to her, from me, (and I will return them to you) as for a Pair of Gloves on my Nuptials: And look thro' your poor Acquaintance, and Neighbours, and let me have a List of such honest, industrious Poor, as may be true Objects of Charity; and have no other Assistance; particularly fuch as are blind; lame, or fickly, with their particular Cases; and also, such poor Families and Housekeepers as are reduced by Misfortunes, as ours was, and where a great Number of Children may keep them from rifing to a State of tolerable Comfort: And I will chuse as well as I can; for I long to be making a Beginning, with the kind Quarterly Benevolence my dear good Benefactor has bestowed on me for such good Purposes.

I am resolv'd to keep Account of all these Matters, and Mr. Longman has already furnish'd me with a Vellum-book of all white Paper; some Sides of which

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I hope foon to fill, with the Names of proper Objects: And tho' my dear Master has given me all this without Account, yet shall he see, (but nobody else) how I lay it out, from Quarter to Quarter; and I will, if any be lest, carry it on, like an Accomptant, to the next Quarter; and strike a Ballance four times a Year, and a general Ballance at every Year's End—And I have written in it, Humble RETURNS for DIVINE MERCIES; and lock'd it up safe in my

newly presented Cabinet.

I intend to let Lady Davers see no further of my Papers, than her own angry Letter to her Brother; for I would not have her see my Reslections upon it; and she'll know, down to that Place, all that's necessary for her Curiosity, as to my Sufferings, and the Stratagems used against me, and the honest part God enabled me to act: And I hope when she sees them all, she will be quite reconcil'd; for she will see it is all God Almighty's Doings; and that a Gentleman of his Parts and Knowledge was not to be drawn in by such a poor young Body as me. I will detain John no longer. He will tell you to read this last Part first, and while he stays. And so with my humble Duty to you both, and my dear Sir's kind Remembrance. I rest,

Your ever dutifu! and gratefully bapty Daughter.

WEDNESDAY Evening.

Honoured Father and Mother,

I Will now proceed with my Journal.

On Tuesday Morning, my dear Sir rode out, attended by Abraham; and he brought with him to Dinner Mr. Martin of the Grove, and Mr. Arthur, and Mr. Brooks, and one Mr. Chambers; and he stept up to me, and said he had rode out too far to return to Breakfast; but he had brought with him some of his old Acquaintance, to dine with me. Are you sorry for it Pamela, said he? I remembred his Lessons, and said, No, sure, Sir, I can't be angry at any thing

you are pleas'd to do. Said he, you know Mr. Martin's Character, and have feverely censur'd him in one of your Letters, as one of my Brother Rakes, and for

his three Lyings-in.

He then gave me the following Account, how he came to bring them. Said he, 'I met them all at Mr. " Arthur's, and his Lady asked me, if I was really ' marry'd? I faid, yes, really. And to who, faid ' Mr. Martin? Why, reply'd I, bluntly, to my Mother's Waiting-maid. They could not tell what to fay to me, hereupon, and look'd one upon another. And I saw I had spoil'd a Jest, from each. Mrs. · Arthur faid, You have indeed, Sir, a charming ' Creature as ever I faw, and she has mighty good Luck. Ay, said I; and so have I. But I shall fay the less, because a Man never did any thing of this Nature, that he did not think he ought, if it were but in Policy, to make the best of it. Nay, Nay, faid Mr. Arthur, if you have finn'd, it is with your Eyes open: For you know the World as well as any Gentleman of your Years in it.

'Why, really Gentlemen, faid I, I should be glad to please all my Friends; but I can't expect, till they know my Motives and Inducements, that it will be so immediately. But I do assure you, I am exceedingly pleased myself; and, that, you know, is

' most to the Purpole.

Said Mr. Brooks, I have heard my Wife praise your Spouse, that is, so much for Beauty and Shape, that I wanted to see her of all things. Why reply'd I, if you'll all go and take a Dinner with me, you shall see her with all my Heart. And, Mrs. Arthur, will you bear us Company? No, indeed, Sir, said she. What, I'll warrant, my Wife will not be able to reconcile you to my Mother's Waiting-maid; is not that it? Tell Truth, Mrs. Arthur. Nay, said she I shan't be backward to pay your Spouse a Visit, in Company of the neighbouring Ladies; but for one single Woman to go, on such a sudden Motion too, with so many Gentlemen, is not right. But that need not hinder you, Gentle-

men. So, said he, the rest sent, that they should

onot dine at home; and they, and Mr. Chambers, a

Gentleman lately fettled in these Parts, one and all

came with me: And so my Dear, concluded he, when you make your Appearance next Sunday, you're

fure of a Party in your Favour; for all that see you

must esteem you.'

He went to them; and when I came down to Dinner, he was pleased to take me by the Hand, at my Entrance into the Parlour, and said, my Dear Love, I have brought some of my good Neighbours to take a Dinner with you. I said, you are very good, Sir! My Dear, this Gentleman is Mr. Chambers; and so he presented every one, to me; and they saluted me, and wish'd us both Joy.

Mr. Brooks said, I, for my Part, wish you Joy most heartily. My Wise told me a good deal of the Beauties of your Person; but I did not think we had such a Flower in our County. Sir, said I, your Lady is very partial to me; and you are so polite a Gentleman, that you will not contradict your good Lady.

I'll affure you, Madam, return'd he, you have not hit the Matter at all; for we contradict one another twice or thrice a Day. But the Devil's in't if we are

not agreed in fo clear a Cafe.

Said Mr. Martin, Mr. Brooks fays very true, Madam, in both respects (meaning his Wise's and his own Contradiction to one another, as well as in my Favour); for, added he, they have been marry'd some Years.

As I had not the best Opinion of this Gentleman, nor his Jest, I said, I am almost forry, Sir, for the Gentleman's Jest upon himself and his Lady; but I think it should have reliev'd him from a greater Jest, your pleasant Confirmation of it.—But still, the Reason you give that it may be so, I hope, is the Reason that may be given that it is not so—to wit, That they have been married some Years.

Said Mr. Arthur, Mr. Martin, I think the Lady has very handsomely reprov'd you, I think so too, said Mr. Chambers; and it was but a very indifferent

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Compliment to a Bride. Said Mr. Martin, Compliment or not, Gentlemen, I have never feen a Matrimony of any time standing, that it was not so little or much. But I dare say, it will never be so here.

To be fure, Sir, said I, if it was, I must be the ungratefullest Person in the World, because I am the most obliged Person in it. That Notion, said Mr. Arthur, is so excellent, that it gives a Moral Certainty,

that it never can.

Sir, said Mr. Brooks to my dear Sir, softly, You have a most accomplish'd Lady, I do assure you, as well in her Behaviour and Wit, as in her Person, call her what you please. Why, my dear Friend, said my Master, I must tell you, That her Person made me her

Lover; But her Mind made her my Wife.

The first Course coming in, my dear Sir led me himself to my Place; and set Mr. Chambers, as the greatest Stranger, at my Right hand, and Mr. Brooks at my Lest; and Mr. Arthur was pleased to observe, much to my Advantage, on the Ease and Freedom with which I behav'd myself, and helped them; and said, He would bring his Lady to be a Witness, and a Learner both, of my Manner. I said, I should be proud of any Honour Lady Arthur would vouchfase to do me; and if I once could promise myself the Opportunity of his good Lady's Example, and those of the other Gentlemen present, I should have the greater Opinion of my Worthiness to sit in the Place I sill'd, at present, with much Insufficiency.

Mr. Arthur drank to my Health and Happiness, and said, my Wife told your Spouse, Madam, You had very good Luck in such a Husband; but I now see who has the best of it. Said Mr. Brooks, Come, come, let's make no Compliments; for the plain Truth of the Matter is, our good Neighbour's Generosity and Judgment have met with so equal a Match, in his Lady's Beauty and Merit, that I know not which has the best Luck. But may you be both long happy together,

fay I! And so he drank a Glass of Wine.

My dear Sir, who always takes Delight to have me praised, seemed much pleased with our Conversation;

and he said the kindest, tenderest, and most respeciful Things in the World to me. Insomuch that the rough Mr. Martin said, did you ever think our good Friend here, who used to ridicule Matrimony so much, would have made so complaisant a Husband? How long do you intend, Sir, that this shall hold? As long as my good Girl deserves it, said he, and that I hope will be for ever. But, continued he, you need not wonder I have changed my Mind as to Wedlock: for I never expected to meet with one whose Behaviour and Sweetness of Temper was so well adapted to make me happy.

After Dinner, and having drank good Healths to each of their Ladies, I withdrew; and they fat and drank two Bottles of Claret apiece, and were very merry; and went away, full of my Praises, and vow-

ing to bring their Ladies to fee me.

Father, I told my good Master, after his Friends were gone, how gratefully you received his generous Intentions as to the Kentish Farm, and promised your best Endeavours to serve him in that Estate; and that you hoped your Industry and Care would be so well employ'd in it, that you should be very little troubleseme to him as to the diberal manner in which he had intended to add to a Provision, that of itself exceeded all your Wishes. He was very well pleased with your chearful acceptance of it.

I am glad your Engagements in the World lie in so fmall a Compass: As soon as you have gotten an Account of them exactly, you will be pleated to send it me, with the List of the poor Folks you are so kind to

promise to procure me.

I think as my dear Master is so generous you should think nothing that is plain too good. Pray, don't be asraid of laying out upon yourselves. My dear Sir intends that you shall not, when you come to us, return to your old Abode, but stay with us, till you set out for Kent; and so you must dispose of yourselves accordingly. And, I hope, my dear Father, you have quite left off all Slavish Business. As Farmer Jones has been

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been kind to you, as I have heard you fay, pray, when you take leave of them, present them with three Guineas worth of good Books, such as a Family-Bible, a Common Prayer, a Whole Duty of Man, or any other you think will be acceptable; for they live a great way from Church; and in Winter, the Ways from their Farm thither is impassable.

He has brought me my Papers fafe: And I will fend them to Lady Davers the first Opportunity down,

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My dear Sir, just now tells me, that he will carry me in the Morning a little Airing, about ten Miles off, in his Chariet and Four, to Breakfast at a Farm-house, noted for a fine Dairy, and where, now-and-then, the neighbouring Gentry of both Sexes resort for that Purpose. And he will send Abraham on Horse back, before us; to let the good Folks know it.

THURSDAY.

WE fet out at about half an Hour after Six, accordingly, and driving pretty smartly, got at this truly neat House at half an Hour after Eight, and sound Abraham there; and I was much pleas'd with the Neatness of the good Woman and Daughter, and Maid; and he was so good as to say he would now-and-then take a turn with me to the same Place, and on the same Occasion, as I seem'd to like it, for that it would be a pretty Exercise, and procure us Appetites to our Breakfasts, as well as our Return would to our Dinners. But I find this was not (tho' a very good Reason) the only one for which he gave me this agreeable Airing; as I shall acquaint you.

We were prettily receiv'd and entertain'd here, and an Elegance ran through every thing, Persons as well as Furniture, yet all plain. And my Master said to the good Housewise, Do your young Boarding school Ladies still at times continue their Visits to you, Mrs. Dobson? Yes, Sir, said she, I expect three or four of

them ev'ry Minute.

There is, my Dear, said he, within three Miles of this Farm a very good Boarding-school for Ladies: The Governess of it keeps a Chaise and Pair, which is to be made a double Chaise at Pleasure; and in Summer-time, when the Misses perform their Tasks to Satisfaction, she favours them with an Airing to this Place, three or four at a Time; and after they have breakfasted they are carried back: And this serves both for a Reward and for Exercise; and the Misses who have this Favour are not a little proud of it; and it brings them forward in their respective Tasks.

A very good Method, Sir, said I. And just as we were talking, the Chaife came in with four Miffes, all pretty much of a Size, and a Maid-servant to attend them. They were shewn another little neat Apartment, that went thro' ours, and made their Honours very prettily, as they passed by us. I went into the Room to them, and asked them Questions about their Work, and their Lessons; and what they had done to deserve such a fine Airing and Breakfasting; and they all answer'd me very prettily. And pray, little Ladies, faid I, what may I call your Names? One was called Miss Burdoff, one Miss Nugent, one Miss Booth, and the fourth Mifs Goodwin. I don't know which, faid I, is the prettieft; but you are all best, my little Dears; and you have a very good Governess to indulge you with fuch a fine Airing and fuch delicate Cream, and Bread and Butter. I hope you think fo too.

My Master came in, and I had no Mistrust in the World; and he kissed each of them; but look'd more wistfully on Miss Goodwin, than any of the others; but I thought nothing just then: Had she been called Miss Godfrey I had hit upon it in a trice.

When we went from them, he said, Which do you think the prettiest of those Misses? Really, Sir, reply'd I, it is hard to say; Miss Booth is a pretty brown Girl, and has a fine Eye; Miss Burdoff has a great deal of Sweetness in her Countenance, but not to regularly featur'd. Miss Nugent is very fair: And Miss Goodwin has a fine black Eye, and is besides, I think the genteelest shap'd Child; but they are all pretty.

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The Maid led them into the Garden, to shew them the Bee-hives; and Miss Goodwin made a particular sine Curchee to my Master: and I said, I believ'd Miss knows you, Sir; and taking her by the Hand, I said, Do you know this Gentleman, my pretty Dear?

Yes, Madam, said she, It is my own dear Uncle. I class'd her in my Arms, O why did you not tell me, Sir, said I, that you had a Niece among these little Ledies? And I kissed her, and away she tript, after the others.

He smiled; and then I said, O my dear Sir, tell me now of a Truth, Does not this pretty Miss stand in a nearer Relation to you, than as a Niece? — I know she does! I know she does! And I embrac'd him as he stood.

'Tis even so, my Dear, reply'd he; and you remember my Sister's good-natur'd Hint of Miss Sally Godfrey! I do well, Sir, answer'd I. But this is Miss Goodwin. Her Mother chose that for her, said he, be-

cause she should not be called by her own.

Well, said I, excuse me, Sir, I must go and have a little Prattle with her. I'll send for her in again, reply'd he; and in she came, in a Moment. I took her in my Arms, and said, O my charming Dear! will you love me?—Will your let me be your Aunt? Yes, Madam, answer'd she, with all my Heart! And I will love you dearly! But I mustn't love my Uncle! Why so? said he. Because, reply'd she, you would not speak to me at first!—And because you would not let me call you Uncle; (for it seems she was bid not, that I might not guess at her presently) and yet, said the pretty Dear, I had not seen you a great while, so I hadn't!

Well, Pamela, said he, now can you allow me to love this little Innocent? Allow you, Sir! reply'd I; you would be very barbarous if you did not; and I should be more so, if I did not further it all I could, and love the little Lamb myself, for your sake, and

for her own fake; and in Compassion to her poor dear. Mother, tho' unknown to me. And Tears stood in

my Eyes.

Said he, Why, my Love are your Words so kind, and you Countenance fo fad? -- I drew to the Win. dow, from the Child, and faid, Sad it is not, Sir; but I have a strange Grief and Pleasure mingled at once in my Breaft, on this Occasion: It is indeed a twofold Grief, and a twofold Pleasure. As how, my Dear ? said he. Why, Sir, said I, I cannot help being grieved for the poor Mother of this sweet Babe, to think, if she be living, that she must call her chiefest Delight her Shame; if she be no more, that she must have fad remorfes on her poor Mind, when she came to leave the World, and her little Babe: And, in the second Place, I grieve, that it must be thought a Kindness to the dear little Soul, not to let her know how near the dearest Relation she has in the World is to her! - Forgive me, dear Sir, I fay not this to reproach you, in the leaft. Indeed, I don't. And I have a twofold Cause of Joy; first, That I have had the Grace to escape the like Unhappiness with this poor Gentlewoman; and next, That this Discovery has given me an Opportunity to shew the Sincerity of my grateful Affection to you, Sir, in the Love I will always express to this dear Child!

And then I stept to her again, and kissed her; and said, Join with me, my pretty Love, to beg your dear Uncle to let you come home, and live with your new Aunt! Indeed, my little Precious, I'll love you

dearly!

Will you, Sir, faid the little Charmer, will you let

me go and live with my Aunt?

You are very good, my Pamela, said he.——And I have not once been deceived in the Hopes my fond Heart had entertained of your Prudence.—But will you, Sir, said I, will you grant me this Favour!——I shall most sincerely love the little Charmer; and all I am capable of doing for her, both by Example and Affection, shall most cordially be done.—My dearest Sir, added I, oblige me in this thing! I think already

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We'll talk of this some other Time, reply'd he; but I must, in Prudence, put some Bounds to your amiable Generosity. I had always intended to surprize you into this Discovery; but my Sister led the Way to it, out of a Poorness in her Spite, that I could not brook; and tho' you have pleased me beyond Expression, in your Behaviour on this Occasion; yet I can't say, that you have gone much beyond my Expectations; for I have such an high Opinion of you that I think nothing could have shaken it, but a contrary Conduct to this you have express'd on so tender a Circumstance.

Well, Sir, said the dear little Miss, then you won't let me go home with my Aunt, will you? I'm sure she'll love me! When you break up next, my Dear, said he, if you're a good Girl, you shall make your new Aunt a Vist. She made a low Curchee, Thank you, Sir, said she. Yes, my Dear, said I, and, I'll get you some sine things against the Time. I'd have brought you some now, had I known I should have seen my pretty Love! Thank you Madam, return'd she.

How old, Sir, said I, is Miss? Between Six and Seven, answer'd he. Was she ever, Sir, said I, at your House? My Sister, reply'd he, carry'd her there once, as a little Relation of her Lord's. I remember, Sir, said I, a little Miss; and Mrs. Jervis and I took her

to be a Relation of Lord Davers's.

My Sister, said he, knew the whole Secret from the Beginning; and it made her a great Merit with me, that she kept it from the Knowledge of my Father, who was then living, and of my Mother, to her Dying day; tho' she descended so low, in her Rage, to hint the Matter to you.

The little Misses took their Leaves soon after; and I know not how, but I am strangely affected with this dear Child. I wish he would be so good as to let me have her home. It would be a great Pleasure to have such a sine Opportunity, oblig'd as I am, to shew my Love for himself, in my Fondness for this dear Miss.

As we came home together in the Chariot, he gave me the following Particulars, of this Affair, additional

to what he had before mention'd.

That this Lady was of a good Family, and the Flower of it: But that her Mother was a Person of great Art and Address, and not altogether so nice in the Particular between himself and Miss, as she ought to have been. That, particularly, when she had Reafon to find him unfettled, and wild, and her Daughter in more Danger from him, than he was from her; yet she encouraged their Privacies; and even at last, when she had Reason to apprehend, from their being furpriz'd together, in a way not fo creditable to the Lady, that she was far from forbidding their private Meetings; on the contrary, that on a certain Time, the had fet one, that had formerly been her Footman, and a Half-pay Officer, her Relation, to watch an Op. portunity, and to frighten him into a Marriage with the Lady. That accordingly, when they had furpriz'd him in her Chamber, just as he had been let in, they drew their Swords upon him, and threatned instantly to kill him, if he did not promise Marriage on the Spot; and that they had a Person ready below Stairs, as he found afterwards. That then he suspected, from fome strong Circumstances, that Miss was in the Plot; which fo enraged him, with their Menaces together, that he drew and stood upon his Defence, and was so much in Earnest, that the Man he pushed into the Arm, and disabled; and pressing pretty forward upon the other as he retreated, he rushed in upon him, near the Top of the Stairs, and push'd him down one pair, and he was much hurt with the Fall :- Not but that he faid, he might have paid for his Rashness; but that the Business of his Antagonist was rather to frighten than kill him. That, upon this, in the Sight of the old Lady, the Person she had provided, and her other Daughters, he went out of their House with bitter Execrations against them all.

That after this, defigning to break off all correspondence with the whole Family, and Miss too, she found means to engage him to give her a Meeting at

Woodflock,

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Woodstock, in order to clear herself. That, poor Lady! she there was obliged, naughty Creature as he was! to make herfelf quite guilty of a worse Fault. in order to clear herself of a lighter. That they afterwards met at Godstow often, at Woodstock, and every neighbouring Place to Oxford; where he was then studying, as it prov'd guilty Lessons, instead of improving ones; till, at last, the effect of their frequent Interviews grew too obvious to be concealed. That the young Lady then, when she was not fit to be seen, for the Credit of the Family, was confin'd, and all manner of Means were used, to induce him to marry her. That, finding nothing would do, they at last resolved to complain to his Father and Mother. But that he made his Sifter acquainted with the Matter, who there happened to be at home, and, by her Management and Spirit, their Intentions of that fort were frustrated; and feeing no Hopes, they agreed to Lady Davers's Proposals, and sent poor Miss down to Marlborough, where, at her Expence, which he answer'd to her again, she was provided for, and privately lay-in. That Lady Davers took upon herself the Care of the Little-one, till it came to be fit to be put to the Boarding-school, where it now is; and that he had fettled upon the dear little Miss such a Sum of Money. as the Interest of it would handsomely provide for her : and the Principal would be a tolerable Fortune, fit for a Gentlewoman, when she came to be marriageable. And this, my Dear, faid he, is the Story in brief. And I do affure you Pamela, added he, I am far from making a Boast of, or taking a Pride in this Affair: But fince it has happen'd, I can't fay, but I wish the poor Child to live, and be happy; and I must endeavour to make her fo.

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Sir, said I, to be sure you should; and I shall take a very great Pride to contribute to the dear little Son's Felicity, if you will permit me to have her home—But, added I, does not Miss know any thing who are her Father and Mother?—I wanted him to say, if the poor Lady was living or dead.—No, answer'd he. Her Governess had been told by my

Sister, That she is the Daughter of a Gentleman, and his Lady, who are related, at a Distance, to Lord Dawers, and now live in Jamaica; and she calls me Uncle, only because I am the Brother to Lady Dawers, whom she calls Aunt, and who is very fond of her; as is also my Lord, who knows the whole Matter; and they have her at all her little School Recesses, at their House, and are very kind to her.

I believe, added, he the Truth of the Matter is very little known or suspected; for as her Mother is of no mean Family, her Friends endeavour to keep it secret, as much as I; and Lady Davers, till her Wrath boil'd over t'other Day, has manag'd the Matter very dex-

terously and kindly.

The Words, Mother is of no mean Family, gave me not to doubt the poor Lady was living. And I said, But how, Sir, can the dear Miss's poor Mother be content to deny herself the Enjoyment of so sweet a Child?—Ay, Pamela, reply'd he, now you come in; I see you want to know what's become of the poor Mother!—'Tis natural enough you should; but I was willing to see how the little Suspence would operate upon you.—Dear Sir, Said I—Nay, reply'd he, 'tis very natural, my Dear! I think you have had a great deal of Patience, and are come at this Question so

fairly, that you deferve to be answer'd. You must know then, there is some foundation for faying, That her Mother, at least, lives in Jamaica; for there she does live, and very happily too. For you must know, that she suffer'd so much in Childbed, that nobody expected her Life; and this, when she was up, made such an Impression upon her, that she dreaded nothing fo much as the Thoughts of returning to her former Fault; and to fay the Truth, I had intended to make her a Visit as soon as her Month was well up. And fo, unknown to me, she engaged herfelf to go to Jameica, with two young Ladies, who were born there; but were returning to their Friends. after they had been four Years in England for their Education; and recommending to me, by a very moving Letter, her little Baby, and that I would not fuffer

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fuffer it to be called by her Name, but Goodwin, that her Shame might be the less known, for hers and her Family's sake; she got her Friends to assign her Five hundred Pounds in full of all her Demands upon her Family, and went up to London, and imbarked with her Companions at Gravesend, and so sailed to Jamaica; where she is since well and happily marry'd; passing, to her Husband, for a young Widow, with one Daughter, which her first Husband's Friends take care of, and provide for. And so, you see, Pamela, that in the whole Story on both sides, the Truth is as much

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Poor Lady! faid I; how her Story moves me!-I am glad she is so happy at last! And, my Dear, said he, Are you not glad she is so far off too? ——As to that, Sir, faid I, I cannot be forry, to be fure, as she is fo happy; which she could not have been here, For, Sir, I doubt, you would have proceeded with your Temptations, if the had not gone; and it thew'd the was much in Earnest to be good, that she could leave her native Country, leave all her Relations, leave your that she so well lov'd, leave her dear Baby, and try 2 new Fortune, in a new World, among quite Strangers, and hazard the Seas; and all to preferve herfelf from further Guiltiness!—Indeed, indeed, Sir, said I, I bleed for what her Distresses must be in this Life: I am grieved for her poor Mind's Remorfe, thro' her Childbed Terrors, which could have so great and so worthy an Effect upon her aftewards; and I honour her Resolution; and should rank such a returning dear Lady in the Class of those who are most virtuous, and doubt not God Almighty's Mercies to her; and that her present Happiness is the Result of his gracious Providence, bleffing her Penitence and Reformation-But, Sir, said I, Did you not once see the poor Lady atter her Lying in?

I did not believe her so much in Earnest, answer'd he, and I went down to Marlborough, and heard she was gone from thence to Calne. I went to Calne, and heard she was gone to Reading, to a Relation's there. Thither I went, and heard she was gone to

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Oxford. I follow'd; and there she was; but I could

not come at her Speech.

She at last received a Letter from me, begging a Meeting with her; for I found her Departure with the Ladies was resolved on; and that she was with her Friends only to take Leave of them, and receive her agreed on Portion: And she appointed the Saturday following, and that was Wednesday, to give me a Meet-

ing at the old Place, at Woodflock.

Then, added he, I thought I was fure of her, and doubted not I should spoil her intended Voyage. I set out on Thursday to Gloucester, on a Party of Pleasure; and on Saturday I went to the Place appointed, at Woodstock; but when I came there, I found a Letter instead of my Lady; and when I open'd it, it was to beg my Pardon for deceiving me. Expressing her Concern for her past Fault; her Affection to me; and the Apprehension she had, that she should be unable to keep her good Resolves if she met me: That she had fet out the Thursday for her Embarkation: for that The fear'd nothing elfe could fave her; and had appointed this Meeting on Saturday, at the Place of her former Guilt, that I might be fuitably impress'd upon the Occasion, and pity and allow for her; and that she might get three or four Days start of me, and be quite out of my Reach. She recommended again, as upon the Spot where the poor Little-one ow'd its Being, my Tenderness to it, for her sake; and that was all she had to request of me, she said, but would not forget to pray for me in all her own Dangers, and in every Difficulty she was going to encounter.

I wept at this moving Tale: And did not this impress you much, my dear Sir, said I? Surely, such an affecting Lesson as this, on the very guilty Spot too, (I admire the dear Lady's pious Contrivance!) must have had a great Effect upon you. One would have thought, Sir, it was enough to reclaim you for ever. All your naughty Purposes, I make no Doubt, were quite chang'd. Why, my Dear, said he, I was much mov'd, you may be sure, when I came to

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reflect: But, at first, I was so assured of being a successful Tempter, and spoiling her Voyage, that I was vexed, and much out of Humour; but when I came to reslect, as I said, I was quite overcome with this Instance of her Prudence, her Penitence, and her Resolution; and more admir'd her than I had ever done. Yet I could not bear she should so escape me neither; so much overcome me, as it were, in an heroical Bravery; and I hasten'd away, and got a Bill of Credit of Lord Dawers, upon his Banker in London, for Five hundred Pounds, and set out for that Place; having called at Oxford, and got what Light I could, as to where I might hear of her there.

When I arriv'd in Town, which was not till Monday Morning, I went to a Place called Crossy-square, where the Friends of the two Ladies liv'd. She had set out, in the Flying-coach, on Tuesday; got to the two Ladies that very Night; and, on Saturday, had set out, with them, for Gravesend, much about the Time I was expecting her at Woodstock.

You may suppose, that I was much affected, my Dear, with this. However, I got my Bill of Credit converted into Money; and I set out, with my Servant, on Monday Afternoon, and reached Gravesend that Night; and there I understood that she and the two Ladies had gone on Board from the very Inn I put up at, in the Morning; and the Ship waited only for the Wind, which then was turning about in its Favour.

I got a Boat directly, and put on Board the Ship, and asked for Mrs. Godfrey. But judge you, my dear Pamela, her Surprize and Consusion when she saw me. She had like to have fainted away. I offer'd any Money to put off the Sailing till next Day, but it would not be comply'd with; and sain would I have got her on Shore, and promised to attend her, if she would go over Land, to any Part of England the Ship would touch at. But she was immoveable.

Every one concluded me her humble Servant; and were touched at the moving Interview; the young Ladies, and their Female Attendants especially.

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With great Difficulty, upon my solemn Assurances of Honour, she trusted herself with me in one of the Cabins: and there I try'd, what I could, to prevail upon her to quit her Purpose: But all in vain: She said, I had made her quite unhappy by this Interview! She had Dissiculties enough upon her Mind before; but now I had imbitter'd all her Voyage, and given her

the deepest Distress.

I could prevail upon her, but for one Favour, and that with the greatest Reluctance; which was, to accept of the Five hundred Pounds, as a Present from me; and she promised at my earnest Desire to draw upon me for a greater Sum, as a Person that had her Essects in my Hands, when she arriv'd, if she should find it convenient for her. In short, this was all the Favour I could procure; for she would not promise so much as to correspond with me; and was determin'd on going; and, I believe, if I would have marry'd her, which yet I had not in my Head, she would not

have been diverted from her Purpose:

But how, Sir, faid I, did you part? I would have failed with her, answer'd he, and been landed at the first Port in England, or Ireland, I cared not which, they should put in at. But she was too full of Apprehensions to admit it; and the rough Fellow of a Master, Captain they call'd him, (but, in my Mind, I could have thrown him overboard) would not flay a Moment, the Wind and Tide being quite fair, and was very urgent with me to go ashore, or to go the Voyage; and being impetuous in my Temper, spoilt, you know, my Dear, my Mother, and not used to Controul, I thought it very strange that Wind and Tide, or any thing elfe, should be preferr'd to me, and my Money: But so it was, I was forced to go, and so took Leave of the Ladies; and the other Passengers; wish'd them a good Voyage; gave Five Guineas among the Ship's Crew, to be good to the Ladies; and took fuch a Leave as you may better imagine, than I express. She recommended, once more, to me, the dear Guest, as she called her, the Ladies being present, and thanked me for all these Instances of my Regard, which, her my one S Ship her

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which, she said, would leave a strong Impression on her Mind; and, at parting, she threw her Arms about my Neck, and we took such a Leave, as affected every one present, Men, as well as Ladies.

So, with a truly heavy Heart, I went down the Ship's Side to my Boat; and flood up in it. looking at her, as long as I could fee her, and fhe at me, with her Handkerchief at her Eyes; and then I gaz'd at the Ship, till and after I had landed, as long as I could discern the least Appearance of it; for she was under Sail, in a manner, when I left her: And so I return'd,

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I went to-bed, but rested not; return'd to London the next Morning; and set out that Asternoon again, for the Country. And so much, my Dear, for poor Salley Godfrey.—She sends, I understand, by all Opportunities, with the Knowledge of her Husband, to learn how her Child, by her first Husband does; and has the Satisfaction to know she is happily provided for. And, about half a Year ago, her Spouse sent a little Negro Boy, of about ten Years old, as a Prefent, to wait upon her. But he was taken ill of the Small-pox, and died in a Month after he was landed.

Sure, Sir, faid I, your generous Mind must have been long affected with this melancholy Case, and all its Circumstances. It hung upon me, indeed, some time, said he; but I was full of Spirits and Inconsideration. I went soon after to travel; a hundred new Objects danced before my Eyes, and kept Reselection from me. And, you see, I had sive or six Years afterwards, and even before that, so thorough by lost all the Impressions you talk of, that I doubted not to make my Pamela change her Name, without either Act of Parliament or Wedlock, and be Salley Godfrey the Second.

O you dear naughty Gentleman! faid I, this seems but too true! But I bless God that it is not so!—I bless God for your Reformation, and that for your own dear sake, as well as mine!

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Well, my Dear, faid he, and I bless God for it too !-- I do most fincerely !-- And 'tis my greater Pleasure, because I have, as I hope, seen my Error fo early; and that, with fuch a Stock of Youth and Health of my Side, in all Appearance, I can truly abhor my past Liberties, and pity poor Sally Godfrey, from the same Motives, that I admire my Pamela's Virtues; and resolve, by the Grace of God, to make myself as worthy of them as possible: And I will hope, my Dear, your Prayers for my Pardon and my Perseverance, will be or no small Esticacy on this Occasion.

These agreeable Reslections, on this melancholy, but instructive, Story, brought us in View of his own House; and we alighted, and took a Walk in the Garden till Dinner was ready. And now we are so busy about making ready for our Appearance, that I shall hardly have time to write till that be over.

MONDAY Morning.

Y Esterday we set out, attended by John, Abraham,
Benjamin and Mage in front of the set Benjamin and Isaac, in fine new Liveries, in the best Chariot, which had been new clean'd, and lin'd, and new harnefs'd; fo that it look'd like a quite new one: But I had no Arms to quarter with my dear Spouse's; tho' he jocularly, upon my taking Notice of my Obscurity, said, that he had a good mind to have the Olive-branch, which would allude to his Hopes, quarter'd for mine. I was dress'd in the Suit I mention'd, of White flower'd with Gold, and a rich Head-dress, and the Diamond Necklace, Ear-rings, &c. I also mention'd before. And my dear Sir, in a fine laced filk Waistcoat, of blue Padualoy, and his Coat a pearl colour'd fine Cloth, with gold Buttons and Button-holes, and lin'd with white Silk; and he look'd charmingly indeed. I faid, I was too fine, and would have laid afide some of the Jewels; but he faid, it would be thought a Slight to me from him, as his Wife; and tho' as I apprehended, it might be, that People would talk as it was, yet he had rather they should say any thing, ater.

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It feems, the neighbouring Gentry had expected us, and there was a great Congregation; for (against my Wish) we were a little of the latest; so that, as we walked up the Church to his Seat, we had abundance of Gazers, and Whisperers: But my dear Master behav'd with fo intrepid an Air, and was so chearful and complaifant to me, that he did Credit to his kind Choice, instead of shewing as if he was asham'd of it; and as I resolved to busy my Mind intirely with the Duties of the Day, my Intentness on that Occasion, and my Thankfulness to God, for his unspeakable Mercies to me, so took up my Attention, that I was much less concern'd than I should otherwise have been, at the Gazings and Whisperings of the Ladies and Gentlemen, as well as of the rest of the Congregation;

whose Eyes were all turn'd to our Seat.

When the Sermon was ended, we staid the longer, because the Church should be pretty empty; but we found great Numbers at the Church Doors, and in the Church Porch; and I had the Pleasure of hearing many Commendations, as well of my Person, as my Dress and Behaviour, and not one Reflection, or 'Squire Martin, who is single, Mark of Difrespect. Mr. Chambers, Mr. Arthur, and Mr. Brooks, with their Families, were all there: And the four Gentlemen came up to us, before we went into the Chariot, and, in a very kind and respectful Manner, complimented me, and my dear Sir; and Mrs. Arthur, and Mrs. Brooks, were so kind as to wish me Joy; and Brooks, said, you sent my Spouse, Madam, home, t'other Day, quite charm'd with that easy and fweet Manner, which you have convinced a thouland Persons, this Day, is so natural to you.

You do me great Honour, Madam, reply'd I. Such a good Lady's Approbation must make me too sensible of my Happiness. My dear Master handed me into the Chariot, and stood talking with Sir Thomas Athyns, at the Door of it, (who was making him abundance of Compliments, and is a very ceremonious

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Gentleman, a little to Extremes) and I believe to familiarize me to the Gazers, which concern'd me a little. For I was dash'd to hear the Praises of the Country People, and to see how they crowded about the Chariot. Several poor People begg'd my Charity, and I beckon'd John with my Fan, and said, divide in the further Church-Porch, that Money to the Poor, and let them come to morrow Morning to me, and I will give them something more, if they don't importune me now.—So I gave them all the Silver I had, which happen'd to be between twenty and thirty Shillings; and this drew away from me, their clamorous Prayers for Charity.

Mr. Martin came up to me on the other Side of the Chariot, and leaned on the Door, while my Master was talking to Sir Thomas, from whom he could not get away, and said, by all that's good, you have charm'd the whole Congregation. Not a Soul but is full of your Praises. My Neighbour knew, better than any body could tell him, how to chuse for himfelf. Why, said he, the Dean himself look'd more

upon you than his Book.

O Sir, said I, you are very encouraging to a weak Mind! I vow, said he, I say no more than's Truth: I'd marry to-morrow, if I was sure of meeting with the Person of but one half of the Merit you have. You are, said he, and 'tis not my Way to praise too much an Ornament to your Sex, an Honour to your Spouse and a Credit to Religion!—Every Body is saying so, added he,; for you have, by your piety, edified the whole Church.

As he had done speaking, the Dean himself complimented me, that the Behaviour of so sweet a Bride would be very edifying to his Congregation, and encouraging to himself. Sir, said J, you are very kind. I hope I shall not behave unworthy of the good Instructions I shall have the Pleasure to receive from so worthy a Divine. He bow'd, and went on.

Sir Thomas then apply'd to me, my Master stepping into the Chariot, and said, I beg Pardon, Madam, for detaining your good Spouse from you. But I

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have been faying, he is the happiest Man in the World. I bow'd to him; but I could have wish'd him further, to make me sit so in the Notice of every one; which, for all I could do, dash'd me not a little.

Mr. Martin faid to my Master, if you'll come to Church every Sunday, with your charming Lady, I will never absent myself, and she'll give a good Example to all the Neighbourhood. O, my dear Sir, said I, to my Master, you know not how much I am obliged to good Mr. Martin. He has, by his kind Expressions, made me dare to look up with Pleasure and Gratitude.

Said my Master, my dear Love, I am very much oblig'd, as well as you, to my good Friend Mr. Martin. And he said to him, we will constantly go to Church, and to every other Place, where we can have

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Mr. Martin said, Gad, Sir, you are a happy Man; and I think your Lady's Example has made you more polite, and handsome too, than I ever knew you before, tho' we never thought you unpolite neither. And so he bow'd, and went to his own Chariot; and as we drove away, the People kindly blessed us, and called us a charming Pair. As I have no other Pride, I hope, in repeating these Things, than in the Countenance the general Approbation gives to my dear Master for his stooping so low, you will excuse me for it, I know.

In the Afternoon, we went again to Church, and a little early, at my Request; but the Church was quite full, and soon after even crowded; so much does Novelty, the more's the Pity! attract the Eyes of Mankind. 'Squire Martin came in, after us, and made up to our Seat, and said, if you please, my dear Friend, I will take my Seat with you this Afternoon. With all my Heart, said my Master. I was forry for it; but was resolved my Duty should not be made second to Bashfulness, or any other Consideration; and when Divine Service began, I withdrew to the further End of the Pew, and lest the Gentlemen in the Front;

Front; and they behav'd quite suitably, both of them, to the Occasion. I mention this the rather, because Mr. Martin was not very noted for coming to Church,

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The Dean preached again, which he was not used to do, out of Compliment to us; and an excellent Sermon he made on the relative Duties of Christianity; and it took my peculiar Attention; for he made many fine Observations on the Subject. Mr. Martin ad ress'd himself twice or thrice to me, during the Sermon; but he faw me so wholly engross'd with harkening to the good Preacher, that he forbore interrupting me; yet I took Care, according to my dear Sir's Lesson, formerly to observe to him a chearful and obliging Behaviour, as one of his Friends and Intimates. My Master ask'd him to give him his Company to supper; and he said, I am so taken with your Lady, that you must not give me too much Encouragement; for I shall be always with you, if you do. He was pleased to say, you cannot favour us with too much of your Company; and as I have left you in the Lurch, in your fingle State, I think you will do well to oblige us as much as you can; and who knows but my Happiness may reform another Rake? Who knows?—faid Mr. Martin—Why, I know! for I am more than half reform'd already.

At the Chariot Door, Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Chambers, were brought to me, by their respective Spouses; and presently, the witty Lady Towers, who banter'd me before, (as I once told you) join'd them; and Mrs. Arthur said, she wished me Joy: And that all the good Ladies, my Neighbours, would collect themselves together, and make me a Visit. This, said I, will be an Honour, Madam, that I can never enough acknowledge. It will be very kind so to countenance a Person who will always study to deferve your Favour, by the most respectful Behavi-

our.

Lady Towers said, my dear Neighbour, you want no Countenance; your own Merit is sufficient. I

had a flight Cold, that kept me at home in the Morning; but I heard you so much talk'd of, and prais'd, that I resolved not to stay away in the Asternoon. And I join in the Joy every one gives you. She turn'd to my Master, and said, you are a sty Thief, as I always thought you. Where have you stolen this Lady? And now, how barbarous is it, thus, unawares, in a manner, to bring her here upon us, to mortify and eclipse us all!—You are very kind, Madam, said he, that you, and all my worthy Neighbours, see with my Eyes. But had I not known she had so much Excellency of Mind and Behaviour, as would strike every body in her Favour at first Sight, I should not have dared to class her with such of my worthy Neighbours, as now so kindly congratulate us both.

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I own, said she, softly, I was one of your Censurers; but I never lik'd you so well in my Life, as for this Action, now I see how capable your Bride is of giving Distinction to any Condition.—And coming to me, my dear Neighbour, said she, excuse me for having but in my Thought, the Remembrance that I have seen you formerly, when, by your sweet Air, and easy Deportment, you so much surpass us all, and give

Credit to your present happy Condition.

Dear good Madam, faid I, how shall I suitably return my Acknowledgments? But it will never be a Pain to me to look back upon my former Days, now I have the kind Allowance and Example of so many worthy Ladies to support me in the Honours to which

the most generous of Men has rais'd me.

Sweetly said! she was pleased to say. If I was in another Place, I would kis you for that Answer. Oh! happy, happy, Mr. B. said she to my Master; what Reputation have you not brought upon your Judgment?——I won't be long before I see you, added she, I'll assure you, if I come by myself. That shall be your own Fault, Madam, said Mrs. Brooks, if you do.

And so they took Leave; and I gave my Hand to my dear Sir, and said, how happy have you made me, generous Sir!—And the Dean, who was just come up, heard me, and said, and how happy you

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have made your Spouse, I'll venture to pronounce, is hard to say, from what I observe of you both. I curt'sy'd, and blush'd, not thinking any body heard me. And my Master telling him he should be glad of the Honour of a Visit from him; he said, he would pay his Respects to us, the first Opportunity, and would bring his Wise and Daughter to attend me. I said, that was doubly kind; and I should be very proud of cultivating so worthy an Acquaintance. I thanked him for his sine Discourse; and he thanked me for my Attention to it, which he called exemplary: And so my dear Sir handed me into the Chariot; and we were carried home, both happy, and both pleased, thank God!

Mr. Martin came in the Evening, with another Gentleman, his Friend, one Mr. Dormer; and he entertained us with the favourable Opinion, he faid, every one had of me, and of the Choice my Good Benerous me.

factor had made.

This Morning the Poor came according to my Invitation; and I fent them away with glad Hearts, to the Number of twenty-five. They were not above twelve or fourteen, on Sunday, that John divided the Silver I gave among them; but others got hold of the matter, and made up to the above Number.

TUESDAY.

Y generous Master has given me, this Morning, a most considerate, but yet, from the Nature of it, melancholy Instance of his great Regard for my Unworthiness, which I never could have wished,

hoped for, or even thought of.

He took a Walk with me, after Breakfast, into the Garden; and a little Shower, falling, he led me for Shelter, into the little Summer-house, in the private Garden, where he formerly gave me Apprehensions; and sitting down by me, he said, I have now sinish'd all that lies on my Mind, my Dear, and am very easy: For have you not wonder'd, that I have so much employ'd myself in my Library? Been so much at home, and yet not in your Company?—No, Sir, said I, I have

have never been so impertinent as to wonder at any thing you please to employ yourself about; nor would give way to a Curiosity that should be troublesome to you: And besides, I know your large Possessions, and the Method you take of looking yourself into your Affairs, must needs take up some Portions of your Time,

that I ought to be very careful how I invade.

Well, said he, but I'll tell you what has been my last Work: I have taken it into my Consideration, that, at present, my Line is almost extinct; and a great Part of my Estate, in case I die without issue, will go to another Line; and other Parts of my personal Eflate, will go into fuch Hands, as I should not care my Pamela should lie at their Mercy. I have therefore, as human Life is uncertain, made such a Disposition of my Affairs, as will make you absolutely independent and happy; as will secure to you the Power of doing a great deal of good; and living as a Person ought to do, who is my Relict; and shall put it out of any body's Power to molest your Father and Mother, in the Provision I design them, for the Remainder of their Days: And I have finish'd all this very Morning, except to naming Trustees for you; and if you have any body you would confide in more than another, I would have you fpeak.

I was so touch'd with this mournful Instance of his excessive Goodness to me, and the Thoughts necessarily slowing from the solemn Occasion, that I was unable to speak, and at last reliev'd my Mind by a violent Fit of weeping: and could only say, clasping my Arms around the dear generous Gentleman! How shall I support this! So very cruel, yet so very

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Don't, my Dear, said he, be concern'd at what gives me Pleasure. I am not the nearer my End, for having made this Disposition; but I think the putting off these material Points, when so many Accidents every Day happen, and Life is so precarious, is one of the most inexcusable Things in the World. And there are so many important Points to be thought of, when Life is drawing to its utmost Verge; and

the Mind may be so agitated and unfit, that it is a month fad thing to put off, to that time, any of those Concerns, which more especially require a considerate and composed Frame of Temper, and perfect Health and vigor to manage. My poor Friend, Mr. Carlton, who died in my Arms so lately, and had a Mind diffurb'd by worldly Confiderations on one fide, a Weakness of Body, thro' his Distemper's Violence, on another, and the Concerns of still as much more Moment, as the Soul is to the Body, on a third, made fo great an Impression upon me then, that I was the more impatient to come to this House, where were most of my Writings, in order to make the Disposition I have now perfected: And fince it is grievous to my dear Girl, I will think myself of such Trustees, as shall be most for her Benefit. I have only therefore to affure you, my Dear, that in this instance, as I will do in every other I can think of, I have studied to make you quite easy, free, and independent. And because I shall avoid all Occasions, for the future, which may discompose you, I have but one Request to make; which is, That if it please God, for my Sins, to separate me from my dearest Pamela, that you will only resolve not to marry one Person; for I would not be such an Herod, as to restrict you from a Change of Condition with any other, however reluctantly I may think of any other Person succeeding me in your Esteem.

I could not answer, and thought my Heart would have burst. And he continued, To conclude at once, a Subject that is so grievous to you, I will tell you, my Pamela, that this Person is Mr. Williams: And how I will acquaint you with my Motive for this Request; which is wholly owing to my Niceness, and to no Dislike I have for him, or Apprehension of any Likelihood that it will be fo: But, methinks, it would reflect a little upon my Pemeia, if the was to give way to fuch a Conduct, as if she had marry'd a Man for his Bftate, when the had rather have had another, had it not been for that; and that now, the World will fay, the is at Liberty to

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pursue her Inclination, the Parson is the Man.——And I cannot bear even the most distant Apprehension, that I had not the Preference with you, of any Man living, let me have been what I would; as I have shewn my dear Life, that I have preferr'd her to all her Sex, of whatever Degree.

I could not speak, might I have had the World; and he took me in his Arms, and said, I have now spoken all my Mind, and expect no Answer; and I see you too much mov'd to give me one—Only forgive me the Mention, as I have told you my Motive; which as much affects your Reputation as my Niceness; and offer not at an Answer;—only say, you forgive me. And I hope I have not one discomposing thing to say to my dearest, for the rest of my Life; which, I pray God, for both our sakes, to lengthen for many happy Years.

Grief still choaked up the Passage of my Words; and he said, The Shower is over, my Dear, let us walk out again.—He led me by the Hand, and I would have spoke; but he said, I will not hear my dear Creature say any thing: To hearken to your Assurance of complying with my Request, would look as if I doubted you, and wanted it. I am consident I needed only to speak my Mind, to be observed by you; and I shall never more think of the Subject, if you don't remind me of it. He then most sweetly shane'd the Discourse

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Don't you with Pleasure, my Dear, said he, take in the delightful Fragrance that this sweet Shower has given to these Banks of Flowers? Your Presence is so enlivening to me, that I could almost fancy, that what we owe to the Shower, is owing to That: And all Nature, methinks, blooms around me, when I have my Pamela by my Side. You are a Poetes, my Dear; and I will give you a few Lines, that I made myself on such an Occasion as this I am speaking of, the Presence of a sweet Companion, and the fresh Verdure, that after a Shower succeeding a long Draught, shew'd itself throughout all vegetable Nature. And then in a sweet and easy Accent, (with his

dear Arms about me as we walk'd) he fung me the following Verses; of which he afterwards favour'd me with a Copy.

I.

A LL Nature blooms when you appear;
The Fields their richest Liv'ries wear;
Oaks, Elms and Pines, blest with your View,
Shoot out fresh Greens, and bud anew.
The varying Seasons you supply;
And when you're gone, they fade and die.

II.

Sweet Philomel, in mournful Strains,
To you appeals, to you complains.
The tow'ring Lark, on rifing Wing,
Warbles to you, your Praise does sing;
He cuts the yielding Air, and flies
To Heav'n, to type your future Joys.

III.

The purple Violet, damask Rose, Each to delight your Senses blows.
The Lillies ope', as you appear,
And all the Beauties of the Year
Diffuse their Odors at your Feet,
Who give to ev'ry Flow'r its Sweet.

IV.

For Flow'rs and Women are ally'd;
Both, Nature's Glory, and her Pride!
Of ev'ry fragrant Sweet possest,
They bloom but for the Fair One's Breast;
And to the swelling Bosom born,
Each other mutually adorn.

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Thus sweetly did he palliate the Woes, which the Generosity of his Actions, mix'd with the colemness of the Occasion, and the strange Request he had vouchsafed to make me, had occasion'd. And all he would permit me to say, was, That I was not displeased with him——Displeased with you, dearest Sir! said I: Let me thus testify my Obligations, and the Force all your Commands shall have upon me. And I took the Liberty to clasp my Arms about his Neck, and kissed him.

But yet my Mind was pained at times, and has been to this Hour.—God grant that I may never fee the dreadful Moment, that shall shut up the precious Life of this excellently generous Benefactor of mine! And _____but cannot bear to suppose—I cannot say more

on fuch a deep Subject!

Oh what a poor thing is human Life in its best Enjoyments—subjected to imaginary Evils, when it has no real ones to disturb it! and that can be made as effectually unhappy by its Apprehensions of remote Contingencies, as if it was struggling with the Pangs of a present Distress! This duly reslected upon, methinks, should convince every one, that this World is not a Place for the immortal Mind to be confined to; and that there must be an Hereaster, where the whole Soul shall be satisfy'd.

But I shall get out of my Depth, my shallow Mind cannot comprehend, as it ought, these weighty Subjects: Let me, therefore, only pray, that after having made a grateful Use of God's Mercies here, I may, with my dear Benefactor, rejoice in that happy State, where is no Mixture, no unsatisfiedness; where all

is Joy, and Peace, and Love, for ever more!

I said when we sat at Supper, the charming Taste you gave me, Sir, of your poetical Fancy, makes me sure you have more Favours of this Kind, to delight me with, if you please; and may I beg to be indulged on this agreeable Head!—Hitherto, said he, my Life has been too much a Life of Gaiety and

Action, to be bufy'd fo innocently. Some little Effays I have now and then attempted; but very few have I completed. Indeed I had not patience nor Attention enough to hold me long to any one thing. Now and then, perhaps, I may occasionally shew you what I have attempted. But I never could please myself in this way.

FRIDAY.

E were Yesterday favour'd with the Company of almost all the neighbouring Gentry, and their good Ladies, who, by Appointment with one another, met to congratulate our Happiness. Nothing could be more obliging, more free and affectionate, than the Ladies; nothing more polite than the Gentlemen. All was perform'd, (for they came to Supper,) with Decency and Order, and much to every one's Satisfaction, which was principally owing to good Mrs. Jerwis's Care and Skill; who is an excellent Manager.

For my part, I was dress'd out, only to be admir'd, as it feems; and truly, if I had not known, that I did not make myself, as you my dear Father, once hinted to me, and if I had the Vanity to think as well of myfelf, as the good Company was pleased to do, I might possibly have been proud. But I know, as my Lady Davers faid, tho' in Anger, yet in Truth, that I am but a poor Bit of painted Dirt. All that I value myself upon, is, that God has raised me to a Condition to be useful in my Generation, to better Persons than myself. This is my Pride: And I hope this will be all my Pride. For what was I of myself!-All the Good I can do, is but a poor thirdhand Good; for my dearest Master himself is but the Second-hand. God, the All-gracious, the All-good, the All-bountiful, the All-mighty, the All-merciful God, is the First: To HIM, therefore, be all the Glory.

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As I expect the Happiness, the unspeakable Happiness, my ever dear and ever honour'd Father and Mother, of enjoying you both here, under this Roof so soon, (and pray let it be as soon as you can) I will not enter into the Particulars of the last agreeable Evening: For I shall have a thousand things, as well as that, to talk to you upon. I fear you will be tir'd

with my Prattle when I fee you!

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I am to return these Visits singly; and there were eight Ladies here, of different Families. Dear Heart I shall find enough to do!—I doubt my time will not be so well filled up, as I once promised my dear Sir!—But he is pleas'd, chearful, kind, affectionate! O what a happy Creature am I!—May I be always thankful to God, and grateful to bim!—When all these tumultuous Visitings are over, I shall have my Mind, I hope, subside into a Family Calm, that I may make myself a little useful to the Houshold of my dear Master; or else I shall be an unprofitable Servant indeed!

Lady Davers fent this Morning her Compliments to us both, very affectionately; and her Lord's good Wishes and Congratulations. And she desir'd my Writings per Bearer; and says, she will herself bring them to me again, with Thanks, as soon as she has read them; and she and her Lord will come and be my Guests (that was her particularly kind Word) for a Fortnight.

I have now but one thing to wish for and then, methinks, I shall be all Ecstasy; and that is, Your Presence, both of you, and your Blessings; which I hope you will bestow upon me every Morning and Night, till you are settled in the happy manner my dear

Spouse has intended.

Methinks I want fadly your List of the honest and worthy Poor; for the Money lies by me, and brings me no Interest. You see I am become a mere Usurer; and want to make Use upon Use: And yet when I have done all, I cannot do so much as I ought. God forgive my Impersections!

I tell my dear Sir, I want another Dairy-house Visit. To be sure, if he won't, at present, permit it, I shall, if it please God to spare us, teize him like any over-indulged Wise, if, as the dear Charmer grows older, he won't let me have the Pleasure of forming her tender Mind, as well as I am able, lest, poor little Soul! she fall into such Snares as her unhappy dear Mother sell into. I am providing a power of pretty Things for her, against I see her next, that I may make her love me, if I can.

Just now I have the blessed News, that you will set out for this happy House, on Tuesday Morning. The Chariot shall be with you without fail. God give us a happy Meeting! O, how I long for it! Forgive your impatient Daughter, who sends this, to amuse you on your Journey; and desires to be,

Ever most dutifully Yours.

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HERE end the Letters of the incomparable Pamela to her Father and Mother. For, as they arriv'd at their Daughter's House on Tuesday Evening in the following Week, she had no Occasion

to continue her Journal longer.

The good old Couple were receiv'd by her, with the utmost Joy and Duty; and with great Goodness and Complaisance by her generous Spouse. And having resided there till every thing was put in Order for them at the Kentish Estate, they were carried down thither by the 'Squire himself, and their Daughter, and put into possession of the pretty Farm he had designed for them. In which they long liv'd comfortably, doing Good by their Examples, and their judicious Charities, to all about them.

They constantly, twice in every Year, for a Fortnight together, so long as they liv'd, visited their dear Daughter; and once a Year, at least, for a Week at a time, were visited by them again: And the 'Squire having added, by new Purchases, to that Estate, they, by their Diligence, augmented the Value of it, and deserved of him the Kindness he shew'd them.

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As for the excellent Pamela, she enjoy'd, for many Years, the Reward of her Virtue, Piety and Charity; exceedingly beloved by both Sexes, and by all Degrees; and was look'd upon as the Mirror of her Age and Sex.

She made her beloved Spouse happy in a numerous and hopeful Progeny. And he made her the best and fondest of Husbands; and, after her Example, became remarkable for Piety, Virtue, and all the Social Duties of a Man and a Christian. And they charm'd every one within the Circle of their Acquaintance, by the Sweetness of their Manners, the regular Order and Occonomy of their Houshold; by their chearful Hospitality, and a diffusive Charity to all worthy Objects within the Compass of their Knowledge.

She was regularly visited by the principal Ladies in the Neighbourhood; who were fond of her Acquaintance, and better'd by her Example.

Lady Davers became one of her fincerest and most affectionate Admirers. And her Lord, in a manner, doated upon her.

The poor little Miss Goodwin was, after a while, given up to her Wishes and Importunities, in order to be form'd by her Example; and, in Process of Time, was joined in Marriage with a Gentleman of Merit and Fortune, to whom she made an excellent Wife.

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HAVING thus brought this little History to a happy Period, the Reader will indulge us in a few brief Observations, which naturally result from it; and which will serve as so many Applications, of its most material Incidents, to the Minds of the Youth of both Sexes.

First, then, in the Character of the Gentleman, may be seen that of a fashionable Libertine, who allow'd himself in the free Indulgence of his Passions, especially as to the Fair Sex; and sound himself supported in his daring Attempts, by an assuent Fortune in Possession, a Personal Bravery, as it is called, readier to give than take Offence, and an imperious Will; yet as he betimes sees his Errors, and reforms in the Bloom of Youth, an edifying Lesson may be drawn from it, for the Use of such as are born to large Fortunes; and who may be taught, by his Example, the inexpressible Difference between the Hazards and Remorse which attend a profligate Course of Life; and the Pleasures which slow from virtuous Love, and virtuous Actions.

The generosity of his Mind; his Sobriety, as to Wine and Hours; his prudent Oeconomy and Hospitality; the Purity and Constancy of his Assection, aster his Change; his polite Behaviour to his Pamela; his generous Provision for her, in case he had died; his Bounty to her Parents, attended with such Marks of Prudence as made them useful to himself, as well as render'd them happy; and shew'd he was not acted merely by a blind and partial Passion; and so many Instances warthy of being remember'd in his Favour, and of being imitated, in Degree, by all such as are sircumstanced as he was.

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In the Character of Lady Davers, let the Prond and the High-born see the Desormity of unreasonable Passion, and how weak and ridiculous such Persons must appear, who suffer themselves, as is usually the Case, to be hurried from one Extreme to another; from the Height of Violence, to the most abject Submission; and subject themselves to be out-done by the humble Virtue they so much despise.

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Let good CLERGYMEN, in Mr. WILLIAMS, fee that whatever Displeasure the doing of their Duty may give, for a Time, to their proud Patrons, Providence will, at last, reward their Piety, and turn their Distresses to Triumph; and make them even more valued for a Conduct that gave Offence while the Violence of Passion lasted, than if they had meanly stoop'd to slatter or sooth the Vices of the Great.

In the Examples of good old Andrews, and his Wife, let those, who are reduced to a low Estate, see, that Providence never fails to reward their Honesty and Integrity; and that God will, in his own good Time, extricate them, by means unforeseen, out of their present Difficulties, and reward them with Benefits unhop'd for.

The UPPER SERVANTS of great Families may, from the odious Character of Mrs. Jewkes, and the amiable ones of Mrs. Jervis, Mr. Longman, &c. learn what to avoid, and what to chuse, to make themselves valued and esteem'd by all who know them.

And, from the double Conduct of poor John, the LOWER SERVANTS may learn Fidelity, and how to distinguish between the lawful and unlawful Commands of a Superior.

The poor deluded Female, who, like the once unhappy Miss Godfrey, has given up her Honour, and yielded to the Allurements of her designing Lover, Vol. II. may learn from her Story, to stop at the first Fault; and, by resolving to repent and amend, see the Pardon and Blessing which await her Penitence, and a kind Providence ready to extend the Arms of its Mercy to receive and reward her returning Duty. While the abandon'd Prostitute, pursuing the wicked Courses, into which, perhaps, she was at first inadvertently drawn, hurries herself into silthy Diseases, and an untimely Death; and, too probably, into everlasting Perdition afterwards.

Let the desponding Heart be comforted by the happy Issue which the Troubles and Trials of the lovely Pamela met with, when they see, in her Case, that no Danger nor Distress, however inevitable or deep to their Apprehensions, can be out of the Power of Providence to obviate or relieve; and which, as in various Instances in her Story, can turn the most seemingly grievous Thing to its own Glory, and the Reward of suffering Innocence; and that, too, at a Time when all human Prospects seem to fail.

Let the Rick, and those who are exalted from a lowto a bigb Estate, learn from her, that they are not promoted only for a single Good; but that Providence has raised them, that they should dispense to all within their Reach, the Blessings it has heaped upon them; and that the greater the Power is to which God has raised them, the greater is the Good that will be expected from them.

From the low Opinion she every where shews of herself, and her attributing all her Excellencies to her pious Education, and her Lady's virtuous Instructions and Bounty; let Persons, even of Genius and Riety, learn, not to arrogate to themselves those Gifts and Graces, which they owe least of all to themselves: Since the Beauties of Person are frail, and it is not in our Power to give them to ourselves, or to be either prudent, wise, or good, without the Assistance of Divine Grace.

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From the same good Example, let Children see what a Blessing awaits their Duty to their Parents, tho' ever so low in the World: And that the only Disgrace is to be dishonest; but none at all to be poor.

From the Oeconomy she purposes to observe in her Elevation, let even Ladies of Condition learn, that there are Family Employments in which they may, and ought to, make themselves useful, and give good Examples to their Inseriors, as well as Equals. And that their Duty to God, Charity to the Poor and Sick, and the different Branches of Houshold Management, ought to take up the most considerable Portions of their Time.

From her fignal Veracity, which she never forfeited, in all the Hardships she was try'd with, tho' her Answers, as she had reason to apprehend, would often make against her; and the Innocence she preserved throughout all her Stratagems and Contrivances to save herself from Violation; Persons, even sorely tempted, may learn to preserve a sacred Regard to Truth; which always begets a Reverence for them, even in the corrupted Minds.

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Her obliging Behaviour to her Equals, before her Exaltation; her Kindness to them afterwards; her forgiving Spirit, and her Generosity;

Her Meekness, in every Circumstance where her Virtue was not concern'd;

Her Charitable Allowances for others, as in the Case of Miss Godfrey, for Faults she would not have forgiven in herself.

Her Kindness and Prudence to the Offspring of thatmelancholy Adventure;

Her Maiden and Bridal Purity, which extended as well to her Thoughts as to her Words and Actions; Her fignal Affiance in God;
Her thankful Spirit;
Her grateful Heart;
Her diffusive Charity to the Poor, which made her
blessed by them whenever she appear'd abroad;
The chearful Ease and Freedom of her Deportment;
The Parental, Conjugal and Maternal Duty;
Her Social Virtues;

Are all so many fignal Instances of the Excellency of her Mind; which may make her Character worthy of the Imitation of her Sex, from low to high Life. And the Editor of these Sheets will have his End, if it inspires a laudable Emulation in the Minds of any worthy Persons, who may thereby intitle themselves to the Rewards, the Praises, and the Blessings, by which she was so deservedly distinguished.

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